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Babauta

Flame Sako Resort & Spa paid over $48,000 in unpaid land leases and interest charges since early 2009 and will pursue its $60 million to $80 million hotel project in As Matuis/ Marpi, Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday.

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# CUC's Tony Muña resigns

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Muña

Tony Muña resigned as executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on Friday but he intends to stay at his post until a qualified replacement is named.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Honolulu's Holly Freifeld, fourth from left, and USFWS's Kenneth Foote, third from left, make a courtesy visit to the Legislature on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. They also presented a draft revised recovery plan for the Mariana fruit bat or "fanihi." In photo are, from left, CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Dr. Howard Ferguson, wildlife biologist Julia Boland, Foote, Freifeld, Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), DLNR's Marianne Teregeyo, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and DLNR Secretary Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz.

## Rate hike for unmetered water, wastewater OK'd

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission initially approved on Friday the proposed simultaneous rate increases for certain water and wastewater customers but the formal decision will be issued later this week.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae confirmed yesterday the commission's anticipated decision.

He disclosed that for water rates, the commission had ruled that metered residential and commercial rates will remain unchanged at an average of $46.67 per month for 10,000 gallons.

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## NMI slams Interior for rules violation in ARRA project

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and two other officials expressed disappointment yesterday with the U.S. Department of the Interior for allegedly violating American Recovery and Reinvestment Act rules when it didn't give CNMI companies an opportunity to bid on an ARRA-funded engineering service project at the American Memorial Park.

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## CHC seeks waiver so it could hire non-US citizen doctors

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The Department of Public Health has asked the Department of Homeland Security to designate the Commonwealth Health Center as a J-1 Conrad 30 State waiver facility so it could bring in the needed specialists and physicians to the hospital.

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez wrote Karen Robinson of the U.S. Department of State Waiver Review Division last week to convey the request.

"We currently have a critical shortage of physicians and we would like to designate a signatory contact person for J-1 Conrad 30 State waiver request," Villagomez stated in his letter.

He said CHC is a small 86-bed hospital that is currently suffering from a "critical shortage" of physicians. It only has over 20 physicians onboard, including part-time doctors from private clinics. In order to be fully staffed, CHC needs about 43 physicians. DPH remains in a state of emergency due to the lack of physicians and poor quality of health care services.

Although the CNMI is considered a rural health area, it has not been officially classified or approved as a J-1 visa waiver area. DPH had been planning to ask for the new designation for many years now but it was only last week that it finally acted on the application.

Villagomez has designated Dr. Shirish Balachandra, chairman of the Emergency Medicine Department, as the signatory contact person for DPH, while Dr. Chad C. Lowe of the departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics was named point of contact for J-1 matters.

Esther Muña, acting deputy secretary for Hospital Administration, said they are optimistic about getting a positive response on their request.

Muna described the "J-1" issue as very critical to meet the needs of the hospital, which has been operating for years without sufficient number of doctors and personnel.

"The J-1 visa waiver program represents an important opportunity for underserved institutions like CHC to improve their efforts at recruitment and retention of qualified, well-trained medical professionals. We hope that this approach will significantly expand the pool of qualified applicants," said Muña.

The J-1 visa is for foreign nationals to come to the U.S. for residency training. After completing his/her residency program, under the requirements of the J-1 visa, the doctor needs to return to his/her country of origin for two years. Then after the two-year interval, the individual can apply to work in the U.S. under an H1-B visa.

The J-1 visa waiver program is a way for these doctors to avoid returning to their countries of origin, and begin working directly after completing their training. In order to sponsor doctors with a J-1 waiver, an area/institution needs to be designated as medically underserved.

These non-US nationals will also be allowed to bring in their families under the J-1 visa.

The hiring of nonresident workers to work for the hospital has become more difficult for the Department of Public Health after federal authorities took over the functions of local immigration.

## Fitial's special adviser, another sue after denial of their naturalization

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's special adviser for training Peter Chika Eche and another person sued federal officials yesterday for denying their naturalization petitions and asked the U.S. District Court for the CNMI to determine their eligibility for naturalization.

In the alternative, Eche and Perry Po-sheung Lo asked the court to compel federal officials to adjudicate their applications for naturalization correctly, as indicated in the Public Law 110-229 (federalization law).

The two sued U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District Director David Gulick, USCIS District 26 Field Office director Walter Haith, and USCIS immigration officer Susan Teruya.

Eche and Lo argued that the District Office of the USCIS Saipan wrongfully adjudicated their case based on a wrong interpretation of the law.

Gulick allegedly stated in the denial letter that "the date we returned to the U.S. was Nov. 28, 2009, at which time the Commonwealth came under U.S. immigration law pursuant to P.L. 110-229."

They said this is wrong and an illegal interpretation of P.L. 110-229 with regards to U.S. Legal Permanent Residents.

Eche and Lo said the wording of the law states that "such alien's presence in the Commonwealth before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act shall be considered to be present in the U.S."

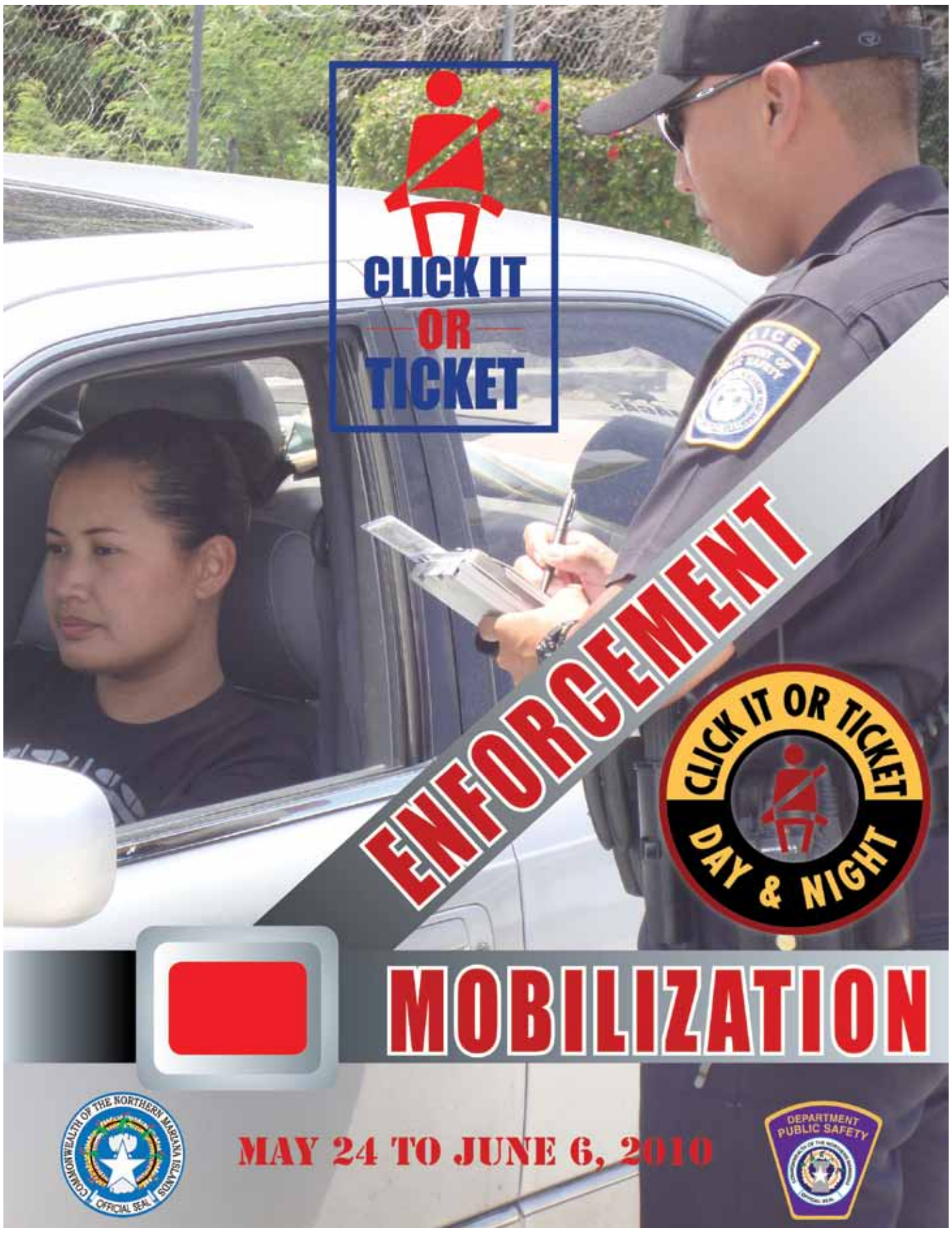
The law was enacted on May 8, 2008, they said.

Eche and Lo said they are lawful permanent residents of the U.S.

Eche said he is a citizen of Nigeria and a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. since Sept. 4, 2004, based on an approved petition filed on his behalf by his U.S. citizen father.

Eche used to be a teacher at Marianas High School. He used to live in Seattle and Texas.

Lo said he was born in China and immigrated to the U.S. on Feb. 9, 1989.

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# Rota lawmakers asked to OK bill renaming school after Inos

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The Rota Legislative Delegation's Committee on Autonomous and Independent Agencies has recommended the passage of a local bill renaming Rota Junior High School after the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos in recognition and appreciation of her untiring and outstanding contributions to the Public School System and the CNMI people.

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), committee chairman, asked the Rota Legislative Delegation to pass Senate Local Bill 17-1, D1.

Ayuyu cited overall support to the local bill, including those from Rota Junior High School, Rota High School, the Rota Municipal Council, and the Rota Gaming Commission.

The CNMI Board of Education also gave their approval on the name change.

The Rota Legislative Delegation has a scheduled session today, and this bill is set for action.

Inos, who was originally from Rota, was the Education commissioner from 1998 to 2006. She died of cancer in August 2009.

In his May 11, 2010 committee report, Ayuyu said "there is overall support to rename Rota Junior High School as the 'Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School'."

Ayuyu, however, said there were concerns raised at a public hearing regarding existing school uniforms, letterheads, and other school materials bearing the existing name of the junior high school.

The committee chairman said such uniforms and materials should continue to be used until depleted before requiring new uniforms and materials to be ordered with the need school name.

Ayuyu said only one of the buildings on campus is named after Misael Hocog Ogo, and should be maintained.

Inos started as a bilingual teacher at Rota Elementary School on Rota, and San Antonio Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School on Saipan, from 1972 to 1976, before serving in higher posts. She also served as deputy director of the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory.

# High Court affirms award in auto mishap

The Supreme Court largely affirmed in a unanimous decision yesterday the trial court's order awarding damages to plaintiffs Bernardo A. Hiponia and Serafin Esperancilla. The case arose out of an automobile accident when Serafin Esperancilla was driving to work and hit Bernardo Hiponia's parked car. No one suffered any personal injury, but both cars were damaged. Esperancilla worked for Hiponia, and told him about the accident. Both men had insurance policies with Royal Crown, and they each filed claims with Royal Crown. The parties communicated extensively about the accident, but Royal Crown never made any payments to either Hiponia or Esperancilla. Eventually, they brought suit against Royal Crown for its failure to pay their claims.

Esperancilla and Hiponia claimed that Royal Crown breached the automobile insurance contract, acted in bad faith in handling their insurance claims, and violated of the Consumer Protection Act for acting deceptively in handling the plaintiffs' claims, in addition to violating the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act. The trial court found and the Supreme Court agreed that Royal Crown breached the insurance contract, acted in bad faith, and violated the Consumer Protection Act. The court, however, found that only the Attorney General's Office may file a lawsuit for a violation of the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act.

As a result, the Supreme Court affirmed all of the damages for Esperancilla and Hiponia as awarded by the trial court. The court also found that a new trial was not warranted despite Royal Crown's arguments to the contrary. Royal Crown attempted to raise other issues, but the court did not consider them because it did not properly raise those issues at trial. Esperancilla and Hiponia also received an award of attorney's fees, but the Supreme Court reversed some of the litigation costs that the Superior Court awarded them as they were not allowed by Commonwealth statute.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Hiroshi Ishimatsu, et al., v. Royal Crown Insurance Corp.*, 2010 MP 8, and can be found at http://www.justice.gov.mp/. ***(PR)***

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The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for Dandan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Chacha Jr. High, and Kagman High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.25.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSS Conference Room. 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-060 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 9:00 a.m, local time, July 6, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 8, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on July 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2010 and must be received no later than July 15, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., July 20, 2010.

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# Fiesta Resort and Spa shines at final 'Taste'

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

Fiesta Resort and Spa's team of Hermie Coronejo and Aurelio Cayabyab Jr. emerged winners in the Chef's Competition that capped the Taste of the Marianas Food Festival and Beer Garden Saturday Night at the American Memorial Park.

The two chefs competed with teams from the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Island Club Saipan, Palms Resort Saipan, and Saipan World Resort in cooking, preparing, and presenting entrees that focused on using Certified Angus Beef Chuck Roll, a meat found in the shoulder area of a cow that is valued for its flavor and balanced fat-meat content.

According to the Web site www.certifiedangusbeef.com, the chuck eye roast—also known as the boneless chuck filet or roll or the pot roast—needs slow, moist cooking such as braising or roasting. The cut can also be marinated and used for kabobs.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Fiesta Resort and Spa's booth wins 2nd Place for Best Decorated Booth and 1st Place for Consistently Best Decorated Booth.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Fiesta Resort and Spa general manager B.K. Park and Lulu Thomson pose with the winning team of Hermie Coronejo and Aurelio Cayabyab Jr.

Competing teams used Angus beef and local products in various unique ways to create impressive entrees—the key being making the beef "a little hard but…soft and tender," according to Coronejo, "using your own techniques to make it tender and juicy."

Each team started with a 20-lb slab of Angus beef and was judged on how they interpreted the theme "Tropical Beef Sizzlers" with their entrée. Criteria for judging included appearance, taste, tenderness/texture, and presentation of the theme.

Chefs used local fruits and vegetables to accent their marinades and sauces while decorating their plates.

"I was nervous," Coronejo said. "I just focused on taste, I was sure that would win it."

Team Fiesta walked away with the Chief's Competition perpetual trophy, a small bag for different Angus beef products, and $500 in cash. Cash prizes of $300 and $200 were awarded to the second and third place winners, respectively.

Besides the Chef's Competition, Fiesta also won second place in the booth competition on the first day of the food festival and first place for the Consistently Decorated Booth Award at the final night of the Taste of the Marianas.

## CUC'S

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial hired Muña as CUC's top official in May 2008 to help address the unstable power generation and other poor services at the agency. The utilities firm has been in state of emergency since 2008 due to these concerns.

Muña told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that his two-year contract expired last month and that he had formally submitted his letter of resignation to the administration, informing them of his intention not to continue with his service.

Muña said he spoke yesterday with Fitial and the governor accepted his decision, agreeing to announce the position.

When asked about the reason for his departure, Muña simply said he believes he has completed his "mission" at CUC.

He also discounted the possibility of being appointed to other government positions at present.

"I think my job is done: power is good, we achieved stability in a lot of areas, and we hired some good professionals. I can say that I am leaving the agency in a much better shape now compared to when we got it [in 2008]," he explained.

Besides ensuring a stable power, CUC is also in the midst of addressing the requirements of federal stipulated orders that require CUC to comply with the mandates of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Muña is confident the remaining variables for the stipulated orders will soon be addressed.

"We have the professionals who are dealing with those issues and they know what needs to be done. Everyone understands what they need to do," he said.

Muña said whoever is appointed as the next executive director should reflect the professional quality necessary for CUC.

He described CUC's operations as a "well-handled situation."

When asked if he's going back to his private practice as an accountant, Muña said he has no clear plans yet.

"I am not sure yet. I just want to take some leave for now, get recharged and then I will look at what options are available for me. From there, I will make the best choice," he said.

When asked to describe his stay at CUC, Muña said: "It's been professionally satisfying, although it was tumultuous at first. Overall, I am happy as to where we are now at CUC. There may still be some challenges, but everything else is in the right position and direction."

Muña has been with CUC for two years now.

## FLAME

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Babauta met on Friday with Kang Dae Sik, president and chief executive officer of Flame Sako Resort & Spa.

Kang, who arrived from South Korea last week, also made a courtesy call on Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who was the acting governor on Friday.

"I couldn't be happier. The president of the company flew in from Korea to rectify the issue… I'm happy to see they're still interested in pursuing their project. They managed to update their payments," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune.*

Babauta recommended Flame Sako to apply for necessary permits from regulatory permitting agencies within six to seven months.

Flame Sako owed DPL $48,769.61 from Feb. 19, 2009 to Feb. 28, 2010. Of this amount, $45,157.14 was for the monthly land leases and $3,612.47 for the 1 percent interest per month.

Babauta said Flame Sako paid this amount, and will also be paying the land lease from March 2010 to present. The leased public land is 109,003-square meter area in As Matuis/Marpi.

Flame Sako also told the Department of Public Lands that it has secured financing to pursue the project, Babauta said. He added that the company hired the HK Pangelinan engineering firm.

DPL gave Flame Sako, as well as Neo Gold Wings Paradise, 60 days from March 29, 2010 to settle its unpaid land leases or their leases will be terminated.

### Neo Gold Wings

Neo Gold Wings Paradise chair Hyun Myung's trip to Saipan has been delayed from Monday to today, and he will meet with Babauta tomorrow.

Neo Gold Wings plans to build an ambitious $1 billion, six-star hotel casino on Tinian.

Government records show Neo Gold Wings owes DPL $78,470.31 in monthly land lease and interest charge, from March 21, 2009 to March 1, 2010. Of this amount, $74,129.03 is for the monthly rentals, and $4,341 is for the interest charges.

Babauta said he looks forward to his meeting with the Neo Gold Wings official. He said the CNMI welcomes foreign investors to help grow the economy even in these tough economic times.

## RATE

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However, the rate for "flat" or "unmetered" residential customers will increase from an average of $20.70 per month to $40.

Malae said the increase in the unmetered rate will bring metered and unmetered customers to parity and encourage metering for all customers. Metering, he said, encourages users to conserve.

It is CUC's goal to meter all water customers by December this year.

The rate for flat or unmetered commercial customers will increase to $204 per month, Malae said, while government rates will remain the same at $54.30 per 1,000 gallons.

For wastewater, the existing monthly charge of $13.68 for 10,000 gallons will increase to $28.21 per month. Malae pointed out that the wastewater rate is tied with water consumption.

Government rates for wastewater will also increase from $30 per 1,000 gallons to $68 monthly.

Malae said these rates will not go into effect until CUC has completed and submitted to the commission the fiscal year 2007 and 2008 financial audits.

According to Malae, the new rates are supposed to go into effect on June 21 but CPUC wants CUC to first submit the completed financial audits for two years.

Based on the planned increases, government rates show the biggest jump.

"Why is the government rate so high?...Because this was a settlement reached several years ago where the 'higher' rate to government represented a transfer from government to CUC in order to offset obligations," explained Malae yesterday.

Malae also said the new rates will allow the water and wastewater divisions to stand on their own.

"This is the intent of the rates—to allow water and wastewater to pay for their power bills instead of having the electric utility subsidize them," he explained.

Malae admitted, though, that non-technical and technical losses continue to plague CUC and he pleaded for the community's assistance in reporting water thefts or leaks.

## NMI

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Ada, who is the CNMI ARRA state lead, said that while the CNMI ARRA office is as transparent as possible, it is "alarming" to know that federal agencies do not hold themselves to the same standard.

"It is imperative that our local businesses have the opportunity to at least compete for the work made available under the ARRA, rather than providing the tax dollars and jobs to those firms outside of our jurisdiction. Based on the work that is being done on other ARRA projects, it is more than evident that the CNMI has more than enough qualified firms to do the job," Ada said in a statement yesterday.

The CNMI ARRA office said in August 2009, it discovered that the Interior had used ARRA funding to directly contract a firm out of Honolulu, Hawaii for engineering services at the American Memorial Park.

A firm out of Guam was then subcontracted to assist in finalizing the energy project, "completely leaving the CNMI out of the loop."

Fitial said he was gravely disappointed to learn that despite the federal government's violation of President Barack Obama's directive, there has been no congressional action to rectify this issue.

"This is a critical matter. It makes me wonder how many other territories and states are losing out on opportunities because of cases like this," the governor said.

Energy Division Director Thelma Inos said it is "disheartening that the CNMI was not given the chance to bid on this project."

"Being that it is an energy project, this greatly impacts the CNMI Energy Office and does not reflect well on the energy office's and the CNMI ARRA's position on opening ARRA funded opportunities to all qualified businesses in the CNMI as well as throughout the nation. This would have been a great opportunity for our local firms to display their expertise on a national stage and bring much needed funding into the CNMI economy," she said.

The CNMI has so far received some $96 million in ARRA grant, $67 million of which has been received by the Treasury. This also resulted in some 120 jobs created and retained.

In a statement yesterday, the Fitial administration cited Obama's Jan. 21, 2009 executive memorandum fundamentally changing the way the U.S. federal government operated. This memorandum to Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies stated three objectives; the government should be transparent, participatory, and collaborative.

The Fitial administration said Interior's action related to the CNMI project is contradictory to Obama's directive and to the ARRA Transparency and Accountability provisions that the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board have been emphasizing the states and territories to abide by.

The provision requires that all ARRA funded opportunities be transparent and that all eligible bidders be given the opportunity to bid.

"Being that this was a direct contract neither one of these requirements were met. Had this project been advertised and CNMI firms been given the opportunity to bid, this would have fulfilled one of the ARRA's major goals which is to transparently create jobs and infuse much needed revenue into the economies of the states and territories," the administration said.

These events have upset local firms who feel that they have the expertise to complete this project. These firms are seeking answers and will be addressing their concerns with the RAT Board, the administration added.

The CNMI ARRA Office said it partners with different local and federal agencies to ensure that the CNMI follows all regulations, especially the Transparency and Accountability provision of the Recovery Act.

"These firms are well within their right to bring the issue to the RAT Board, holding the federal government accountable to the same standards that the states and territories are held to," it added.

# CNMI warned of severe grass fires due to drought

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The National Weather Service in Guam is warning that a severe grass fire may hit the CNMI in the next few weeks due to a persistent drought affecting the Marianas island chain.

As this developed, the Department of Public Safety urged all citizens yesterday to exercise caution when lighting fires outdoors at this time.

"The high winds and dry conditions now being experienced make it easy for fires to spread rapidly and cause loss of life and property. Bush fires also contribute to tree loss and deforestation," according to DPS spokesman Eric David.

The National Weather Service said the El Niño phenomenon is currently in effect in the Marianas and this typically extends the region's dry season into June or July. It said one additional month with total rainfall below two inches for Saipan and Guam could still occur.

"The CNMI and especially Saipan should continue to implement water conservation measures," the Weather Service said.

The agency said fire danger will increase and reduced fresh water supplies could make firefighting difficult.

"Grass fire danger on Guam and on the islands of the CNMI will become severe during the next few weeks," the Weather Service said.

It said agriculture has been withering in the Kagman area due to the lack of rain.

"This will occur for other parts of Saipan and in locations where irrigation is not possible," the Weather Service said.

DPS noted an increasing numbers of bush fires in recent weeks on Saipan.

On Tinian, the weather agency said some livestock could die because of reduced water availability and reduced food resources.

On Rota, the agency said rainfall has been reduced and the risk of fire danger has increased.

## Seismicity and eruptive activity at Sarigan lessen since eruption

Seismicity and eruptive activity at Sarigan Island have declined soon after the eruption of an active submarine volcano south of the island Friday noon, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

USGS said satellite images show no sign of ongoing activity at Sarigan, an uninhabited island 175 kilometers (109 miles) north of Saipan.

Press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* that he had just checked with the Emergency Management Office yesterday afternoon and found out that there was no activity at Sarigan and that they were just monitoring.

"We're not going to get any update unless there's a major activity," he said.

Demapan said USGS scientists may only return to the Northern Islands once they are given a clear signal by the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife evacuated 16 people—mostly its scientists—from the Northern Islands following the eruption.

On Monday afternoon, the USGS reported that seismicity at a single station on Sarigan declined soon after the eruption of a large steam and ash cloud from a submarine vent 11 kilometers (7 miles) south of the Sarigan Volcano.

An EMO observer aboard an overflight on Sunday reported a large area of debris floating in the sea south of the island, and a stationary area of discoloration in the water, presumably above the vent.

USGS said it would continue to monitor the activity with seismic data from stations located on Sarigan and Anatahan, as well as by analyzing satellite images. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## Micronesian chiefs summit dates reset

The 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit has been rescheduled, and will now be held on June 23 to 25, press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday.

The summit was earlier announced for June 16 to 18.

The three-day summit will again bring together the presidents of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as the governors of the CNMI, Guam, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, to discuss common issues of concerns in the region.

Demapan said the venue will most likely be at the Fiesta Resort in Garapan.

The event organization committee, chaired by Special Assistant for Administration Esther S. Fleming, is still finalizing details about the venue.

The agenda is also still being worked on.

The 12th summit was held in Guam on Dec. 3 and 4, 2009, and the 11th summit was held in Majuro in the Marshall Islands in July 2009. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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PL 14-37 Honors Scholarship Program Deadlines

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■ Deadline for application and supporting documents: June 30, 2010 Application and supporting documents must be received by the CNMI Scholarship Office on or before June 30, 2010. Visit www.cnmischolarship.com to download application and for more information. For more information, call the CNMI Scholarship Office at 664-4750; fax 664-4759. ***(PR)***

### Delegate bets face off on Marianas Agupa

Former governor Juan N. Babauta will be a guest on Marianas Agupa this Saturday, June 5, 2010, to discuss his bid for the U.S. Congress. Babauta will be facing off with incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, along with two other aspirant, local attorney Joe Camacho and former lieutenant governor Jesse Borja. The show is from 10am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

Marianas Agupa is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with a special guest host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, e-mail marianasagupa@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

### Oleai school PTSA meeting set

The PTSA officers of the Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of its students that there will be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***(PR)***

### Art exhibition at Hopwood

The CNMI Public School System will be holding the Art Exhibit and Performance Festival on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Hopwood Junior High School from 10am-5pm. Art exhibit and performances from public school students from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will be on display throughout the event. The general public is invited to join us in this celebration of talent and diversity. For questions and concern contact 237-3014. ***(PR)***

# '14 of 42 public school administrators highly qualified'

**By MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Of the 42 school administrators employed by the Public School System, 14 are now classified highly qualified after having met all the requirements and standards set by the Board of Education.

PSS human resource office director Charlie Kenty reported to the Board of Education that these 14 individuals translate to 33 percent of the administrator population. Kenty said this is a 1-percent increase over the April data.

As of last week, non-highly qualified school administrators totaled 28 individuals, or 67 percent. Kenty noted that majority of these personnel are currently serving in acting capacities but are highly qualified in their official capacity as teachers or counselors.

Because of their current position as administrators, they are required to take the Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision content area.

Of the 20 PSS principals, eight are deemed highly qualified in educational leadership; 12 are non-highly qualified in this area. Reports show that the system has nine permanent principals and 11 acting principals at present.

Of the 22 vice principals, 15 are permanent while seven are in acting capacities. Six have passed the educational leadership requirement while 16 have yet to comply.

Kenty revealed that there is a higher percentage of vice principals in the highly qualified teacher category, which included Praxis as main requirements.

Records show that among vice principals, 12 are HQTs and one is a highly qualified counselor.

Kenty disclosed that there is also a higher percentage of school administrators with master's degrees.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that as of May, 15 school administrators have bachelor's degrees while 27 have master's degrees or higher.

### 'Teachers, counselors'

As of April this year, PSS reported having 13 highly qualified counselors and eight that are non-highly qualified. This translates to 62 percent who have met the requirements while 38 percent are in the process of completing the standards.

PSS also reported a higher percentage of school counselors with bachelor's degrees. Degree holders totaled 14 while those who have master's degrees totaled 7 as of last month.

Among classroom teachers, there is a total of 420 HQTs in the system, translating to 74 percent of the total population. Non-highly qualified or those in the process of completing the requirements total 145—26 percent of public school teachers.

Kenty said his office is optimistic that the numbers will go up next month when the results of the April examinations are released.

PSS has only until July 2011 to comply with the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act, which requires all school district to exclusively employ highly qualified personnel. This deadline also applies to school administrators and counselors.

Kenty is confident that PSS will meet the deadline, citing the various support and assistance being provided to teachers who have yet to meet the standards.

# Man arrested for allegedly kidnapping ex-girlfriend

Police arrested a man who allegedly forcibly took his former girlfriend to his barracks in Garapan Thursday night.

Eddie Reyes Luto, 43, was arrested for kidnapping, and assault and battery.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry Inos yesterday imposed a $1,500 cash bail plus $13,500 unsecured bond for Luto's temporary liberty.

Preliminary hearing was set for June 9.

Detective Jonathan Decena stated in his report that the victim went to the Department of Public Safety on Thursday night to report the incident.

Decena said investigation showed that Luto had gone to the restaurant in Garapan where the victim was working that night. He told the victim to follow him to his barracks where they could talk. The victim refused, but Luto insisted. He called a taxicab and forced her into the vehicle.

When they arrived at his barracks in Garapan, Luto allegedly grabbed her, causing her to fall on her knees. Luto then allegedly dragged the victim to his room and took her cell phone and keys.

The victim later managed to run outside. Luto chased her, but she was able to hide at a friend's house. The friend took the victim to DPS where she filed a complaint.

At yesterday's hearing, assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher informed the court that the victim had submitted a letter stating she's not interested in pursuing a criminal case.

Gallagher, however, pointed out that the victim's statements proved that a crime was indeed committed and that she was just scared. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***


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**INVITATION FOR BID**
**PSS-IFB-10-061**

**"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR GTC, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY, OLEAI ELEMENTARY AND MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for GTC, Tanapag Elementary, Garapan Elementary, Oleai Elementary and Marianas High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.45.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSS Conference Room. 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-061 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 9:30 a.m, local time, July 6, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:30 a.m. local time July 8, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:30 a.m., local time on July 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2010 and must be received no later than July 15, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m., July 20, 2010.

**This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.**

**/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.**
**Commissioner of Education**

**/s/ Robert Florian**
**Procurement & Supply Officer**



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**"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR WSR ELEMENTARY, HOPWOOD JR. HIGH, SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY, KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY AND SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for WSR Elementary, Hopwood Jr. High, San Antonio Elementary, Koblerville Elementary and Saipan Southern High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on June 2, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $47.15.

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29 HIV CASES IN THE CNMI SINCE 1997

# Moreno: Community dialogue key to stemming STDs

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

Since 1997, when the Department of Public Health began tracking the incidence of HIV infections in the Commonwealth, there have already been 29 cases of individuals who have been found infected with the virus that causes AIDS, according to a health official.

Speaking at yesterday's Rotary Club meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, John Moreno of the department's HIV/STD program said that eight individuals currently live with HIV and are "under the care of Public Health."

Four have died due to AIDS-related conditions—two of them infants who were infected with the HIV virus while in the womb, Moreno said. The last victim died in 2006 due to AIDS.

Of the 25 still living, Moreno said majority of them have left the CNMI and are deemed "lost to care"—they are no longer being monitored and under the care of the Commonwealth Health Center.

The human immunodeficiency virus is a lentivirus (a member of the retrovirus family) that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, AIDS, a condition where the immune system fails, leading to life-threatening infections.

Moreno insists that the CNMI community must remain informed, not just about HIV but all sexually transmitted diseases, to ensure everyone's safety and to prevent the further spread of infections.

"Almost half of [infected] teens are 15-24 year-olds. We need that initial dialogue… we're looking for conversations," said Monero, "We need a lot more communication in our community."

He said new methods to fight AIDS and other STDs are now available in the CNMI.

"Before, you would have to anxiously wait two weeks for your samples to be sent to Hawaii, analyzed, and sent back. Now we do HIV rapid screening tests; instead of a traditional needle, you place it on your gum and it uses gum cells for results in about 20 minutes."

Rapid screening tests are available for free at CHC's HIV/STD Treatment and Resource Center and at other public health clinics on Saipan.

The center also offers free and confidential HIV and STD testing, pre- and post-test counseling, HIV primary care and treatment, and outreach and education.

Moreno said that CHC intends to make treatment cheaper and more widespread.

# NMC SROTC students participate in Triton Warrior Training

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Students from the Northern Marianas College Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps recently participated in a three-day field training exercise called the Triton Warrior Training.

The training was divided into multiple phases and included pre-combat check/ pre-combat inspection, deployment of cadets, establishment of training sites, execution of training, and redeployment of cadets and routine recovery operations.

The three-day field experience was designed specifically for NMC SROTC Basic Course cadets in order for them to participate in additional hands-on training in a field environment, and interact with three of the University of Guam's advance course cadets.

The field environment also provided the cadets the chance to challenge themselves away from the comforts of home and participate in a few physical and mental challenges that focused on teamwork and leadership.

Participants were able to learn how to construct training sites, prepare and begin developmental reception, staging, onward movement and integration operations, establish simple tactical operations centers, as well as identify and set up a mess area, and bivouac sites. As part of their physical training, cadets were also introduced to man-to-man contact combat training, stretching techniques, first aid and safety techniques, camouflaging, and a field leadership reaction and obstacle course.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students from the Northern Marianas College participate in the SROTC Triton Warrior Training that lasted three days. In the photo, participating students pose with Army Maj. Rosita Mendiola, standing second left, cadet Capt. Bruce Camacho, standing third left, cadet Capt. Martin Camacho, standing far left, and cadet Maj. Daryl Dela Cruz, seated far right, during their training on Managaha Island.

The training experience was designed and coordinated by Army Maj. Rosita Mendiola, who is an assistant professor of military science, a training officer, and instructor at the University of Guam. Mendiola also serves as a primary instructor, lead project officer and liaison officer to the Namco's Center for Continuing Education SROTC Program.

"The training was an important success. We are looking forward to continuing and improving our SROTC course instruction at NMC in order to assist, enable and prepare our students for the advanced course at the University of Guam. We want them to excel and succeed in their goals to obtain a degree and become lieutenants," said Mendiola.

Mendiola was joined by three cadets: cadet Capt. Bruce Camacho, cadet Capt. Martin Camacho, and cadet Maj. Daryl Della Cruz. All three cadets are NMC alumni and, upon completion of the program, will commission as second lieutenants. Training was conducted on Saipan, with missions on Managaha Island, on April 30 to May 2, 2010.

# Free health screening for OFWs on Sunday

The Philippine Consulate General will be hosting the 2nd Quarter "Free Health Screening for OFWs" this Sunday, June 6, 2010, at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza Building in Susupe, Saipan. Registration is from 7am to 8am and the actual conduct of the activity will start at 8am until 12pm.

This free health screening program by the Philippine Consulate General, Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is done in cooperation with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team, CNMI Pharmacist Association and Hardt Eye Clinic.

The medical services include blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision check-ups. OFWs who are availing of blood sugar level check-up *must* refrain from taking solid and liquid food from midnight to actual testing.

Last year, a total of 1,601 OFWs benefited from the health screening program, with 1,228 OFWs availing of the blood pressure and blood sugar check-ups, while 373 availing of the eye-vision check-up.

In the 1st Quarter health screening, conducted on March 7, 2010, around 438 OFWs availed of the medical services.

This program is being conducted every quarter to increase awareness of diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention and eye/vision pressure correction among OFWs. Through this project, the Philippine Consulate General hopes to reach more and serve—even in a modest way—the medical needs of Filipino workers on Saipan. ***(PR)***


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# CCA board thanks MMAC supporters

Speaking on behalf of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors, board president Alex Sablan expressed his gratitude Monday to the numerous individuals, organizations, families, partners, and sponsors who helped make the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer fundraiser a success.

The Marianas March Against Cancer, CCA's signature annual fundraising event, was held this year on May 14-15, 2010, at the Hopwood Junior High School.

In particular, the CCA board recognized and thanked the following:

■ MMAC committee officers and team captains: Janine Nogis (chair); Dave Deleon Guerrero (vice chair); Catherine Attao and Kimberly A. Concepcion (Luminaries); Reina Camacho (Team Recruitment); Dave Rosario and Jack Hardy (senior advisers); Nora Sablan (Team Courage/Survivors); Rachel Roque (Sponsorship); Christopher A.Concepcion (Public Relations); Leilani Deleon Guerrero (Accounting); Vinycia Seman (Logistics); Jaimie Nogis (T-shirts); Jojo Camacho and L.J. Castro (Entertainment);

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"The services provided the Commonwealth Cancer Association, such as our patient assistance and cancer awareness programs, are funded primarily by the annual Marianas March Against Cancer," Sablan said. "If not for the scores of generous people who contribute their time and resources to MMAC, many of whom have faithfully and enthusiastically participated year after year, our programs would not be possible. We thank them all."

This year's Marianas March Against Cancer raised over $75,000, inclusive of both cash and in-kind contributions. For more information visit www.ccamarianas.org, email cca@ccamarianas.org, or call 682-0050. ***(PR)***

# Can you identify

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the *Saipan Tribune*, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.

Last week's person was Vicente M. Sablan. Identified by Angie M. Villagomez, John Paul Sablan, Lina Sanarez, A.J. Murig, Vincent Sablan, Juanette Sablan, Tony Reyes, Valerie Naputi, Daria Cing, Sonya Jane Olopai, Chong Torres, Joe A. Mendiola, Mary Sablan, Rebecca Walter, Tony Cruz, Vicky T. Deleon Guerrero, Ray Matsunaga, Rosalind Magofna, Greg M. Villagomez, Don Palacios, Grace DLG Seglem, Martin Naputi, Okrang S. Mad, Ray Aldan, Lillian Rios, Breda Jose, Frank Mettao, Jesus Mendiola, Laurence Pangelinan, Leo Kani, Diego Masga, Vivian Lizama, Monica Marlik, Edward San Nicolas, Rosita Pangelinan, Jordan Agulto, Nick Kapileo, Nobert Camacho and the children of Vicente M. Sablan.

# New venue for SBA-USDA workshop

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a joint SBA-USDA workshop this Thursday, June 3. The all-day workshop will cover, in the morning, *SBA Joint Venture/Mentor/Protégé Procurement Programs*, and in the afternoon, *Financing Opportunities For Your Business Needs Today For the Challenges of Tomorrow*. Conducting the training will be Kenneth Q. Lujan, Guam branch manager, U.S. Small Business Administration; Jack Corbett, Business Development specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration; and Joseph M. Diego, Area II director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The workshop will take place in the Annex Room of PIC's Magellan Restaurant. Registration begins at 8:30am, the morning session is from 9am to noon, and the afternoon session is from 1:30pm to 4pm. The meeting is $25 per person for Chamber members and $35 for non-members, and includes lunch at PIC's Magellan dining room. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make reservations, contact Janice Tenorio at 233-7150 or coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(SCC)***


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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Friday, June 04, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN (QAP)
A. Adoption of the QAP

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. OTHER MATTERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**NOTE:** Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ **MERCED M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

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# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

## June 2, 1999

### CDA funds MVA's exit survey

The Commonwealth Development Authority has agreed to provide a $40,000 financial assistance to the Marianas Visitors Authority in conducting exit surveys which would aid the tourism office in marketing effectively the CNMI overseas. The Department of Commerce will help MVA in implementing the survey by hiring the right people who will carry out the interviews. Originally, the tourism office planned to conduct a quarterly exit survey to acquire a more consistent data. But with a small funding, it might only carry out two exit surveys for this year. Last year, when MVA conducted a similar survey among Japanese tourists, it had difficulty in hiring interviewers due to limited budget. This time, MVA hopes to make a profile of the Korean visitors, the second biggest market of the CNMI, since it would guide tourism officials in improving its market reach.

### Fair Wage Act up for amendment

Locals earning less than the prevailing U.S. minimum wage of $5.15 may have to wait a little longer for the anticipated windfall of a recently-signed law providing them the same employment benefits granted to foreign workers. Lawmakers are expected to pass a new legislation amending Public Law 11-74 or the Resident Workers Fair Compensation Act in efforts to correct loopholes and incorporate the forthcoming implementing guidelines. This will further push back its implementation to a later date after it has already been stalled twice following concerns voiced out by the private sector against some provisions of the law. House Speaker Diego T. Benavente yesterday said the administration-sponsored bill is being drafted by the Attorney General's Office and they expect to receive it by this week.

## June 2, 2000

### Govt unsure whether to join class suit

A planned class-action suit against federal officials and private companies responsible for the polychlorinated biphenyl contamination in Tanapag has hit a snag as the CNMI government weighs whether or not to accept an offer from private lawyers to help in the litigation. A proposed contract drafted by the Texas-based lawyers for the legal action has been sitting with the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office since their visit to Saipan early last month, according to House legal counsel Steve Mackenzie. "It's up to the attorney general and the governor to determine whether to hire them or not," he told reporters in an interview yesterday. "As far as I know no determination has been made... and I don't know why."

### DPS forges cooperation with Asian police

Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram has forged closer ties with police organizations in Philippines, Thailand and Korea in another attempt to strengthen cooperation in intelligence information sharing. In Manila, Mr. Ingram met with Col. Andres Caro, director of Operations of the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime, where they discussed areas of possible cooperation which the CNMI may need in solving pending criminal cases. Mr. Ingram also sought the assistance of the Philippine National Police in providing background information of Juanito Alcantara who was accused in the rape-slay of a Chinese nonresident worker.

## June 2, 2003

### Delay feared in Tinian U opening

Tinian University has expressed fears that its scheduled opening of classes this fall may be jeopardized due to the suspension of the issuance of entry permits by the CNMI government to Chinese nationals, including its potential students. Jin Soo Chu, Tinian University executive administrator of School Affairs, said the temporary entry ban, which began last month in the wake of the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, has gravely affected the university's recruitment efforts. "We're expecting to get students from some places in China. But we can't do anything right now because of SARS," said Chu in an interview.

### Federal funding sought for health initiative

The Babauta administration has asked for federal funding to finance the construction of more satellite health clinics on the island and to conduct a health needs assessment in the region. These, according to Gov. Juan N. Babauta, were the major issues that he raised during his conversation with visiting Health and Human Services regional director Dr. Josh Valdez last week. Valdez, who is the Health Secretary's direct representative for guidance and coordination of policies in the region, met with Babauta and top CNMI health officials led by Department of Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider Wednesday.

# TECO head of mission keynotes Chamber meeting today

Director General Vince W. H. Tsai, the Head of Mission of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam, will be the guest speaker in today's general membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

Tsai has been the Head of Mission in the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam since August 2008 and represents the interests of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Commonwealth.

Visitors from Taiwan enjoy easy access to the Commonwealth by virtue of that country's inclusion in the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

"Director General Tsai will discuss a number of topics including how we might increase tourism from Taiwan, possible opportunities to increase investment or foster trade with Taiwanese companies, and the need to establish direct flights between Taiwan and the Commonwealth," said Chamber executive director Kyle Calabrese.

Tsai

Prior to his duties as Head of Mission in the region, Tsai was the adviser on Middle East Affairs for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, counselor for the Taiwan Representative Office in South Africa, assistant director general for European Affairs for MOFA, a section chief for MOFA, secretary of the Taiwan Representative Office in the UK, and senior staff for North American Affairs.

Today's meeting will also introduce to Chamber members the recipients of the 2010 Educational Scholarship Fund awards, comprising some of Saipan's best and brightest high school seniors who are headed to college later this year.

"This is always a great meeting to attend, to congratulate the recipients, and to feel good about the support you provide the Chamber during the year for such events as the silent auction, the Corporate Challenge, election-year debates, and the golf tournament," said Calabrese.

Because of a full schedule for the meeting, it will begin 15 minutes earlier than usual: registration and lunch will begin at 11:15am, and the meeting will begin at 11:45am. The meeting is $15 for members, $20 for guests of members, and $25 for general public. ***(PR)***

# High Court accepting late applications for Summer Pre-Law Program 2010

The Supreme Court announced yesterday that late applications for the Summer Pre-Law Program 2010 will still be accepted through the second week of June, (June 11th) as some space is still available. The intensive program is designed for those interested in applying to law school and will be held from July 5 to July 23, 2010 at the Guma' Hustisia.

Justice John A. Manglona, attorney Lucy Blanco-Maratita, and attorney Vince Seman head the program's steering committee. The CNMI Bar Association, the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society and the Supreme Court are the principal sponsors of the program.

The application form is available online at www.justice.gov.mp and the submission deadline is June 11, 2010. Enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Martha Mendiola at the Supreme Court at (670) 236-9710 or email supreme.court@justice.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

# Marshall Islands police host media relations seminar

Justice Minister Brenson Wase of the Republic of the Marshall Islands officially opened a seminar aimed at improving community confidence in police forces across the North Pacific on Monday, May 24, 2010.

The seminar, held in Majuro and funded by the Australian Federal Police's Pacific Police Development Program, attracted 24 participants from three countries, including the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands, who will take part in five days of workshops and tutorials focused on building relationships with the media and the community.

The need for the seminar was identified jointly by the Police Commissioners at the Port Moresby Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference during their discussions regarding the Police Strategic Directions plan (2009 – 2014).

A number of people from a wide section of the community representing the Majuro Chamber of Commerce, the Council of local churches, women's organizations, youth organizations and schools will address the seminar. Media representatives from radio, television and newspapers will also attend the seminar at various stages and discuss how they can assist the police in further developing relationships and building community confidence in the local police force.

"Community safety and security will never be successful if government and the community do not have trust and confidence in the police," said Wase. "Good media relations are fundamental to informing the community of matters of interest in delivery of law and order services."

RMI chief of police George Lanwi paid tribute to the importance of the seminar to the police force and the community. He said that in the Marshall Islands, they have had problems with low confidence of the public in the police force and that there was no set policy on who could speak on behalf of the force to the media, which sometimes created misinformation in the news. Through this workshop, he hopes to solve these problems and said this is an important event for the police force in the Marshall Islands.

One of the workshop facilitators, Mick Spinks, a former AFP media officer for over 16 years, stressed that the seminar was not a media training course but an exchange of ideas as to how police can better get their messages out to the public and discuss what works in other countries. Their plan is that after the workshop, they will be in contact with the media officers in each of the countries on a weekly basis through an e-network, whereby media officers will begin to receive practical scenarios of incidents and write up action plans on how they would deal with the situation and inform the media. These write ups would be critiqued and sent back for further learning. Also, the facilitators will visit each island police force within the next few months and again after one year, to see if there are changes to the level of confidence that the communities have in the police.

According to the facilitators, this training will help promote better performance from the police force and build integrity. The overall Pacific Police Development Program has several facets to it, including leadership development and forensics training, and will continue through 2012. ***(PR)***

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A total of 24 participants from three countries—the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands—take part in a seminar a seminar aimed at improving community confidence in police forces across the North Pacific in Majuro.


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| **NATIVIDAD P. DOMINGO,** Petitioner, vs **BENIGNO A. DOMINGO JR.** Respondent. | **FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0078** **SUMMOND FOR PUBLICATION** |

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:
BENIGNO A. DOMINGO JR.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 500252, Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenter or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CPA-RFP-004-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BRAND NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER, ONE (1) 55" HDTV MONITOR AND ONE (1) PORTABLE COMPUTER CART** to the following airports:

- Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI
- Amata Kabua International Airport, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Chuuk International Airport, Chuuk, FSM
- Kosrae International Airport, Kosrae. FSM
- Pohnpei International Airport, Pohnpei, FSM
- Yap International Airport, Yap, FSM
- Babelthuap Koror International Airport, Republic of Palau

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Desktop Computer, One (1) 55" HDTV Monitor and One (1) Portable Computer Cart".*** The proposal must be submitted on or before **4:30 p.m., Monday, JUNE 14, 2010,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The procurement consists of the procurement and delivery of the above-subject equipment to each respective island's Airport Authority, all in accordance with the specifications. The specifications for the computers, the monitors and the carts can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the arrival building at the Saipan International Airport. The specifications for the computer are mandated by the Federal Aviation Adminsitration so there will be absolutely no substitution of components for desktop computer system.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes and shipping and handling costs that will be charged to the company awarded the procurement, including excise tax. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

The contract period for delivery of all equipment to each respective island shall be **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from issuance of purchase order.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than June 7, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

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## EDITORIAL

## A step toward border security

Even those who are appalled by Arizona's harsh new immigration law—as we are—recognize that the state's misguided decision to take federal matters into its own legislative hands did not come out of the blue. Arizona is the preferred superhighway for drug and human smugglers. Phoenix is the kidnapping capital of the nation, and almost all of those abducted are either illegal immigrants or linked to the drug trade. The recent killing of a rancher in southern Arizona has increased the sense of lawlessness and danger at the border; police believe the killer was involved with drug trafficking. Fed up with federal inaction, Arizona lashed out.

California was the model for such behavior in the 1990s, when San Diego County was the nation's main thoroughfare for illegal immigration. In 1994, Californians approved Proposition 187, which would have denied most healthcare, education and social services to illegal immigrants. It was mean-spirited, and a federal court ultimately found it unconstitutional, but it had one positive result: President Clinton started Operation Gatekeeper, beefing up border fencing, tripling the number of underground sensors and almost doubling the number of Border Patrol agents. And California's problem shifted east, to Arizona. So it was deja vu Tuesday when President Obama announced he was sending 1,200 National Guard troops to the border for a year.

The troops will be stationed in Arizona and other border states, where they'll help local law enforcement intercept drug traffickers. It is an overdue step. For political reasons, including the delicate relationship with Mexico, Obama has tried to resist giving the appearance of militarizing the border. But the lack of security, particularly in areas a stone's throw from Mexico's drug war, undermines public confidence in the ability of the federal government to regulate immigration. And if any meaningful immigration reform is to be passed, it will require that confidence.

Over the years, presidents have tended to view immigration through an economic lens, paying heed to issues of bilateral trade and facilitating the flow of low-skilled labor. But addressing the broken immigration system, including making it easier for employers to hire foreign workers legally and bringing forward the 11 million undocumented people living in the shadows of American society, will only be achieved when the public sees that Washington can successfully secure the border.

The Obama administration deserves credit for stepping up enforcement efforts. We hope the deployment of additional National Guard troops is not merely a stopgap measure to appease a restless public, but becomes a genuine, long-term commitment to border enforcement.

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I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO IDEAS.
WELL... THAT TOO.
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## A glocal heartbreak

**By JAIME VERGARA**
*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

*Vergara is a regular contributor to the* Saipan Tribune*'s Opinion Section*

We were set to dance to the tune of a long remembered ditty: "June is bursting out all over," as we shed our pickup for a bicycle, availing of the gas station's pressurized air to adequately operationalize our two-wheeler. Instead, we found our self humming and internally vocalizing a variation of the lyric as the station lad gauged our air: "Oil is bursting out all over!"

We despaired over the oil off Louisiana, gushing uncontrollably after the collapse of a rig, even as we winched in bewilderment and endured our discomfort when President Obama announced the resumption of oil exploration offshore the Atlantic coast. In light of the irreversible damage and destruction to life in the Bayou and other locations that has occurred, we might sober up a bit, but given our long practice at denial, maybe not.

Our addiction to cheap energy source to fuel our profligate habits of unconscionable consumption is being assessed to the quick, yet we continue to pretend as if the calamitous events generated by our rapacious greed, either in the form of war against unstable political structures to secure resource access, or the rapid decline in the quality of our environment due to reckless acts of emissions and omissions, seem to have no consequence to our wellbeing; the impact of such occurrence can be complacently ignored without leaving any mark of guilt or remorse on the collective unconscious.

*"It may be that we live in a time of collective heartbreak,* Irish writer David Whyte laments and ruminates with maudlin sensitivity, *where for the first time in history we are being asked to witness the disappearance and reappearance on a global scale of what it means to be fully human; to give away our identity and see how it is returned to us through a sincere participation in the trials and necessities of the coming years."*

We herald the era of recreating the human as the demand and requirement of our time, where the option is no longer just one among many but the only one, were we to find meaning and significance in being a *homo sapien,* the thinking creature to our era. We harken at the need to create communities where human relationships are defined by our commonality rather than in our success to compete against one another for a place ahead in the food chain, for primary access to the consumer trolley that utilizes more than half of the world's energy resource to produce, or to headline the award ceremonies and garner status trophies to satisfy our ego and identity requirements. We yearn to establish structures of belonging so that social relationships move on cooperation and collaboration, and associational networks are characterized by interdependence and inclusion.

The glocal heartbreak continues even in an island population, so minuscule against the planets' mass of humanity, where people of various ethnic and geographical origins are suddenly pitting themselves one against another in a situation where one is perceived to be a threat to the other, never mind that our onion skins carry more the unsettled state of our psychology rather than actually assessing a real threat to our well-being.

*Part of that heartbreak is the sense that we might not be equal to the ecological, political and economic transitions that are necessary, that our own selfishness may be writ too deeply into our genes and that the future is therefore untenable and unreachable,* Whyte continues with what seems to be a picture of doom and gloom. But as the Chinese have a saying for every occasion, the one for our time might be bland but recognizably real: *The new does not arrive for as long as the old refuses to leave!*

What is clear about the last two Saturday's rallies is an insistence on participation in the affairs of our lives by all parties, that the modes of public assemblies and deliberations are too limited and confined. Consultation is the call of the hour, and it will be helpful to remember that the process lends itself to fruition when we consult first before we litigate.

Perhaps, it is time to hold a series of community forums where residents articulate operating visions and practical proposals, rather than air the special qualities (again) of chosen messiahs who promise (once more) to lift us out of our current predicament. Perhaps it is time to inventory the resources we have, natural and human, rather than bewail the what-we-do-not-have incarnation of our wishful thinking. But more importantly, it is time to declare what we are going to do, rather than continue to yearn for what we want somebody, something, or someone do for and to us! With the current e-mailing, blogging and texting traffic in cyberspace, we might go beyond exchanging cosmetic preferences to something more substantive that might entice a friend to join us in a productive endeavor or enterprise.

Our indigenes are sounding serious about what to do with the scarce real estate and disappearing cultural traits. Let us all be enriched by the effort. Like the rest of the world who seek entry into the "land of the brave and home of the free," our resident "aliens" already here are seeking to have a clear, concrete, and legal definition of their residency under Uncle Sam's sovereign umbrella. Let us work on it. If Congress sees fit that legislative fiat includes immediate granting of citizenship, why, 1986 is not too far behind not to recall that these islands were granted the same once! That is not preferential treatment; it is what Congress is equipped to do when it so chooses! History is on the side of petitioners on this one. We might want to make sure objectors do not appear like they only disdain the shaking of their psychological space and ego zones.

Our glocal environmental heartbreaks, worldwide and local, are too many to count but the heartbreak that gets us heightened pulse rate is the one that impinges on our relational and associational ties. Let hearts burst open in June with empathy more than dismay.

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# Conversation with a tourist!

I recently had the privilege and pleasure of hosting two visitors to Saipan. Ricardo and Cristina De Leon are from South America. He is from Colombia and she is from Guatemala. The couple are on a round-the-world trip visiting countries in this region and chose Saipan for a four-day stay in May.

While driving around the island, I called them at their hotel in Garapan to offer them my Jamaican-on-Saipan-off-the-beaten path tour of the island, but found that they needed no help at all!

**Cristy:** (by phone) "…we visited Mount Tapochao, Forbidden Island, Banzaii Cliff, we met local residents who invited us into their homes, we toured from north to south! There's not an inch of the island we haven't seen!"

**Walt:** Wow, maybe I should be asking *you* to give *me* a tour!

Later that evening, we met in their hotel lobby, and I got to know Cristy and Ricky even more. We talked about family, relationships, their travel adventures, and, of course, Saipan.

**Walt: So, how did you two meet?**

**Cristy:** We met in an airplane! It was in 1983, in March. We met in the airplane on a flight from Bogota, Colombia to Miami, Florida. He saw me sitting in the waiting area to board the plane. Then, after about 30 minutes or so after departure, he asked me if he could sit by my side. Of course, I said yes, and we talked all the way to Miami!

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Ricardo and Cristina De Leon join the author on Saipan.

I was going to school in California, and was working for handicapped children and adults at that time. I was going back to Colombia to teach. That was my plan, but little did I know that he was going to rob my heart and make me live a way completely different from the one I had planned.

**Ricky**: Twenty-seven years later, here we are!

**Cristy**: We've been to 129 countries together!

**Walt: Wow! 129 countries. I'm really curious about that. Do you plan everything out first? Do you make contacts in each country first?**

**Cristy**: We just go! Well, now we do a little more planning, but back in the '80s and '90s, things were a lot different. We would just show up at the airport, walk up to a counter and say, "We've got so many miles. Where can we go?"

The ticket agent would type away for a bit, then say, "Well, you can go to Australia, there's a flight leaving in 10 minutes at gate 7. Here's your ticket!"

Sometimes we'd get to the gate, and the flight would be full, and we'd end up somewhere completely unexpected. That's what happened once. The flights were booked, so the ticket agent said, "Well, there's a flight leaving for Switzerland, so we ended up in Europe, but we had packed for the tropics! We have some great pictures of me shivering! But, it was a lot of fun!

This time, we got a "Round-The-World" ticket.* But we don't usually make contacts first. That's part of the adventure!

*[*Search for "RTW" at wikitravel.org]*

**Walt: So, what brings you to Saipan?**

**Cristy**: Well, when you've traveled all around the world, you ask yourself what else is there? We found your sites on the Internet and contacted you. So, thanks for making this trip possible.

**Walt: You're welcome. So, now that you're here, what do you think?**

**Cristy**: The energy here is awesome! It's a healthy place to be! The air here is so pure.

**Walt:** Well, you know, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Saipan ranks No. 55 out of 56 states and territories for air pollution.* In other words, we've got the cleanest air in America! *[*See 2008 CNMI Toxic Release Data at www.epa.gov]*

**Ricky:** (To Cristy) See, I told you! I mentioned to Cristy that I could feel the difference in the air here when we were at Forbidden Island.

**Walt: I'm impressed that you found Forbidden Island and trekked all the way down on your own!**

**Cristy:** We learned a long time ago that the regular tourist experience is very limited. We like to get to meet people and find out what life is like. A lot of people just visit a place. We like to *experience* a place!

**Walt: Any suggestions of how we here on Saipan can improve that experience?**

**Cristy**: We're very adventurous, and we know how to get around. But we'd love if there was more signage. You know, a consistent sequence of signs that say go this way, then go this way to find what you're looking for. Especially when we were going to Mount Tapochao. There was that first sign, and then, not much else.

**Walt: I'll see what I can do! Anything else?**

**Rick**: Also, is there anything you can do about the garbage we saw?

**Walt**: What do you mean?

**Rick**: Well, some of the places we went to had a lot of trash about the place. What was odd was that a lot of it was actually in garbage bags. So, it seemed people were dumping there.

**Walt**: There's actually an organization called Beautify CNMI! that was started to address that very issue. Volunteers organize to pick up trash around the island and educate the population. Things have improved a lot, but I guess there's still work to do.

**Walt: Cristy?**

**Cristy**: I was looking for information on Saipan online, and except for your sites, I really couldn't find what I was looking for. Even your sites didn't have the—*[This would be where we turn of the "microphone" and Cristy shares some of her suggestions and world-traveler wisdom for me to improve my Saipan Web sites! Sorry folks! This is "market research!" I don't share everything, you know!]*

**Walt: Thanks, Cristy. I'll add those to my sites right away!**

**Cristy**: You're welcome. And don't be afraid to just pick up and go! You don't need to know people there. Just do it! In fact, I'll give you a homework assignment. Check out Siem Reap, Cambodia. We're going there as part of our ticket, and I think you'd like it. Maybe we'll see you there!

**Walt: So, where are you off to next?**

**Cristy**: Back through Guam on the way to Fiji, then Vietnam…

**Walt: Any final words?**

**Ricky**: Well, Saipan has got a sensation of safety and security you don't find everywhere. Everywhere else, you're constantly looking over your shoulder!

**Cristy**: It's such an exotic destination. It really is! I'm so glad we came!

## THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

*Creating economic success for the CNMI*

**By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE**
*Special to the Saipan Tribune*

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# Bridge of reconciliation

The relationship between the federal government and the CNMI must be based on the Covenant agreement. However dysfunctional this relationship may have been over the last 32 years, it needs to be rebuilt with the earnest desire for reconciliation.

The CNMI gave up sovereignty in exchange for the promise by the federal government to provide for a "progressively higher standard of living" for the people of these islands. Something went awry in the process. A dysfunctional relationship emerged and has hardened like frying oil turned into rock in a drainage system. This clutter needs to be cleaned and removed so water could flow once again.

Had there been real synergy, then both sides would have reviewed the net effect of the billions of dollars given the NMI at the beginning of this relationship. A more focused paradigm would have been rendered to answer the mystery of a complex island economy that has stagnated in the mud of negligence.

Local leadership should have taken the lead on this matter in concert with the feds for assistance on expertise as we see it through our prism. We didn't for we were so content with the $1.2 billion being raked in by the garment industry annually around 1993. We even boasted about it as to ask Uncle Sam to cut grant funds for operational expenses. It never dawned on the CNMI that the garment industry is similar to military deployment: it gets up, dusts off its dirt, and takes off!

However successful the garment industry may have been, we should have treated it like a sand pile we've built along the shore. In short, it should have dawned on local economic architects that the sand pile could break and come cascading to our peril. The only issue is: When? It finally did and there's nothing on the ground except grains of sand. And we find ourselves stunned with dropped jaws as if this is the latest innovation in indigenous complacency and negligence.

We should have been diligent in our effort to draw up economic strategies just in case the sand pile comes tumbling down. But we were so content with what we had as to ignore strategizing for the day the sand pile cascades. Call it failure in leadership!

The fragile garment industry is gone and leaves a huge void in revenue generation. Ours has been and continues to be a long, slow trip down Deep South into the abyss of a financially troubled government. Our proclivity for juvenile attitude isn't going to secure political mileage with Washington. Are there local economic architects capable of turning this mess around? None! What's the alternative? Rebuild the bridge of reconciliation premised primarily on the Covenant!

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### Gone like the morning dew

Morning dew is the perfect metaphor of a time in our developmental history when money was aplenty, emanating from windfalls of family land leases. The island seemed to be burning everywhere between late afternoon and sunset. Smoke was billowing in backyards, beach areas, including family farms. The nouvelle rich were barbecuing to share their windfall with family and friends, daily. It was the boom time of the late '80s.

Through these gatherings we learned how much the family made in its land deal, how much was divvied up among siblings, and the picnic that occurs daily like there's no tomorrow. I enjoyed some of these free outings that lasted through the wee hours of the morning. "Those were the days" my friends when families had tons of money that would last forever.

When millions of dollars descended on an island community, it is very hard engaging in the long thoughtful question primarily used in planning: What if…. It's an irrelevant query when opulence has set in paradise. But I also kept hearing a small voice saying, "Invest it while you're ahead." We didn't pay attention to that tiny voice. Only a few did this for that rainy day. The rest are now yawning lazily, pondering the "what might have been" had they stashed some of it in savings accounts.

Meanwhile, the windfall is gone! The nouvelle squad is back to square one. My uncle is back driving a huge dump truck, a job he left when he pocketed his share. Most others are also intoning, "Those were the days." Indeed, I was salivating at the new cars, stereos, fancy outboard motorboats; limousine trips between L.A. and Tampa; large new homes; and everything that died silently on my wish list.

Today, the few who've invested their windfall get to divvy it up at year's end. The delayed opportunity to splurge pays off handsomely at a time when nothing seems to work. Those who splurged every penny on superficial stuff are pushing the clock for their next retirement check, however small it may be. They are back at the old job earning an honest living once again. We had millions of dollars then. It's gone for good like the morning dew.

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The federal government has the upper hand in this debate. But it must be thorough and fair in its disposition, including forgiveness to our hopeless indigenous leadership who just woke up to reality about their failed fiduciary responsibilities.

For the permanent hosts, please refrain from bigotry or any hurtful statements. Our friends are people too. Even the Lord told Moses not to mistreat aliens and slaves in that the Israelites emanated from slavery while in Egypt.

When you and your neighbor are at peace, harmony abounds to the benefit of all concerns. Refrain from violating the rights of others. I am sure you too wouldn't be so happy if your rights are violated! Let there be peace and harmony in paradise.

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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# The Weather

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## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲89° ▼79° | ▲89° ▼79° | ▲89° ▼79° | ▲89° ▼79° | ▲89° ▼79° |

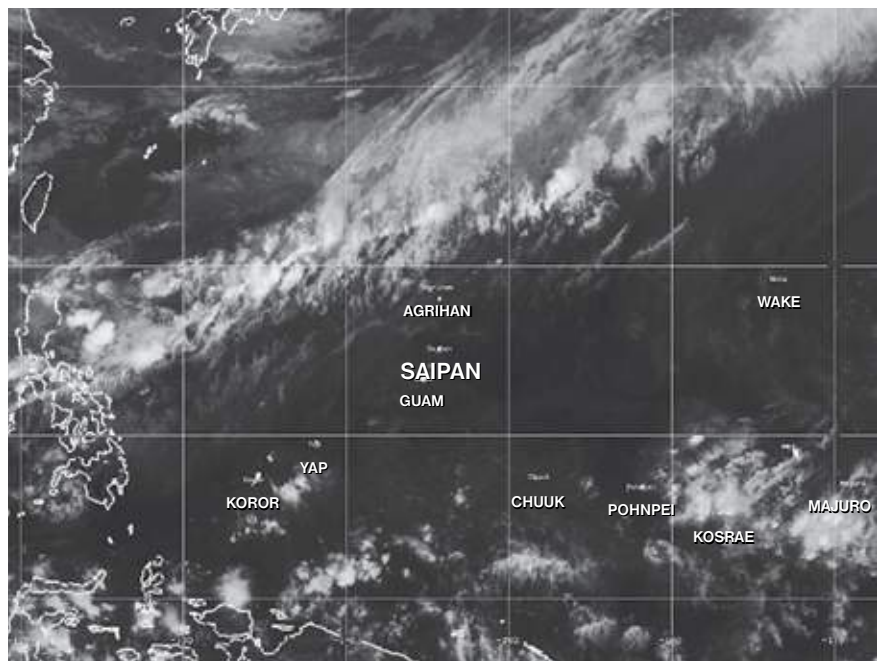
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼79 |
| Palau | Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼ 7 |
| Yap | Sunny | ▲88 | ▼78 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲88 | ▼79 |
| Majuro | Partly Sunny | ▲84 | ▼78 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Sunny | ▲63 | ▼55 |
| Beijing | Thundershowers | ▲79 | ▼62 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲75 | ▼71 |
| Honolulu | Sunny | ▲85 | ▼73 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼52 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼57 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲91 | ▼84 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲65 | ▼46 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| New York | Thunderstorms | ▲80 | ▼66 |
| Osaka | Thundershowers | ▲76 | ▼62 |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | ▲71 | ▼51 |
| Pusan | Sunny | ▲70 | ▼58 |
| Rome | Showers | ▲71 | ▼57 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲63 | ▼57 |
| San Francisco | Mostly Cloudy | ▲59 | ▼54 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲80 | ▼59 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲73 | ▼60 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | ▲84 | ▼70 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A nearly stationary front extends southwestward from 25N153E through low pressure centered near 23N139E to beyond 19N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the front are found along and up to 350 miles northwest of a line from 16N130E to 19N142E to 25N155E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 6N137E to 8N139E. Scattered showers are present east of Koror Palau within 75 miles of the trough axis. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from just east of Pohnpei across Kosrae to Butaritari within 125 miles of a line from 7N162E to 3N173E and also east of Majuro within 75 miles of a line from 7N177E to 5N179E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12:04 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 5:45 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 9:58 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 5:28 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:46 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Thursday | 5:46 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Friday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |
| Saturday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |
| Sunday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 10:58 PM | 10:03 AM |
| Thursday | 11:35 PM | 10:51 AM |
| Friday | | 11:38 AM |
| Saturday | 12:10 AM | 12:24 PM |
| Sunday | 12:44 AM | 1:10 PM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

### DEPARTURES

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09597 | 5:00am | 5:30am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | Daily |
| C09605 | 6:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:35pm | 10:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 5:55am | 8:35am | Daily |
| DL297 | 3:35pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| DL289 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604 | 2:20am | 6:10am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3008 | 3:30am | 6:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/701 | 2:20am | 11:25am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/701 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/703 | 2:20am | 11:00pm | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/703 | 2:50am | 11:00pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ608/705 | 3:20am | 12:10am+1 | 1, 5 via PUS |
| C09317/891 | 4:25am | 9:45am | 6 via GUM |
| C09603/893 | 3:05pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| C09603/933 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | Daily via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/721 | 2:20am | 11:45am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/721 | 2:50am | 11:45am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09603/909 | 3:05am | 9:30pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09598 | 6:30pm | 7:00pm | 4, 7 |

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 5:10pm | 6:00pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:10pm | 9:00pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL290 | 10:00am | 2:35pm | Daily |
| DL298 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:40pm | 1:15am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3007 | 7:30pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/605 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ706/607 | 3:35am | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 via PUS |
| C0890/9606 | 10:55am | 9:00pm | 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:00pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0892/9596 | 10:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 3,5 via GUM-Palau |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724/605 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ750/605 | 1:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0910/9596 | 10:35pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

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| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40 | 11:50 | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

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# Business

# Relief for Gulf is 2 months away with another well

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—The best hope for stopping the flow of oil from the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico has been compared to hitting a target the size of a dinner plate with a drill more than two miles into the earth, and is anything but a sure bet on the first attempt.

Bid after bid has failed to stanch what has already become the nation's worst-ever spill, and BP PLC is readying another patchwork attempt as early as Wednesday, this one a cut-and-cap process to put a lid on the leaking wellhead so oil can be siphoned to the surface. BP said Monday it was also planning further containment efforts to supplement this week's try.

But the best-case scenario of sealing the leak is two relief wells being drilled diagonally into the gushing well—tricky business that won't be ready until August.

"The probability of them hitting it on the very first shot is virtually nil," said David Rensink, incoming president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, who spent most of his 39 years in the oil industry in offshore exploration. "If they get it on the first three or four shots they'd be very lucky."

The relief well drilling and temporary fixes were being watched closely by President Barack Obama, who planned to meet for the first time Tuesday with the co-chairmen of an independent commission investigating the spill. A senior administration official said the meeting will take place at the White House. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting had not been formally announced.

For the relief well to succeed, the bore hole must precisely intersect the damaged well. If it misses, BP will have to back up its drill, plug the hole it just created, and try again.

The trial-and-error process could take weeks, but it will eventually work, scientists and BP said. Then engineers will then pump mud and cement through pipes to ultimately seal the well.

As the drilling reaches deeper into the earth, the process is slowed by building pressure and the increasing distance that well casings must travel before they can be set in place.

Still, the three months it could take to finish the relief wells—the first of which started May 2—is quicker than a typical deep well, which can take four months or longer, said Tad Patzek, chair of the Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering Department at the University of Texas-Austin. BP already has a good picture of the different layers of sand and rock its drill bits will meet because of the work it did on the blown-out well.

On the slim chance the relief well doesn't work, scientists weren't sure exactly how much—or how long—the oil would flow. The gusher would continue until the well bore hole collapsed or pressure in the reservoir dropped to a point where oil was no longer pushed to the surface, Patzek said.

"I don't admit the possibility of it not working," he said.

A third well could be drilled if the first two fail.

"We don't know how much oil is down there, and hopefully we'll never know when the relief wells work," BP spokesman John Curry said.

The company was starting to collect and analyze data on how much oil might be in the reservoir when the rig exploded April 20, he said.

BP's uncertainty statement is reasonable, given they only had drilled one well, according to Doug Rader, an ocean scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund.

Two relief wells stopped the world's worst peacetime spill, from a Mexican rig called Ixtoc 1 that dumped 140 million gallons off the Yucatan Peninsula. That plug took nearly 10 months beginning in the summer of 1979. Drilling technology has vastly improved since then, however.

So far, the Gulf oil spill has leaked between 19.7 million and 43 million gallons, according to government estimates.

In the meantime, BP is turning to another risky procedure federal officials acknowledge will likely, at least temporarily, cause 20 percent more oil—at least 100,000 gallons a day—to add to the gusher.

Using robot submarines, BP plans to cut away the riser pipe this week and place a cap-like containment valve over the blowout preventer.

## *Scientists warn of unseen deepwater oil disaster*

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Independent scientists and government officials say there's a disaster we can't see in the Gulf of Mexico's mysterious depths, the ruin of a world inhabited by enormous sperm whales and tiny, invisible plankton.

Researchers have said they have found at least two massive underwater plumes of what appears to be oil, each hundreds of feet deep and stretching for miles. Yet the chief executive of BP PLC—which has for weeks downplayed everything from the amount of oil spewing into the Gulf to the environmental impact—said there is "no evidence" that huge amounts of oil are suspended undersea.

BP CEO Tony Hayward said the oil naturally gravitates to the surface—and any oil below was just making its way up. However, researchers say the disaster in waters where light doesn't shine through could ripple across the food chain.

"Every fish and invertebrate contacting the oil is probably dying. I have no doubt about that," said Prosanta Chakrabarty, a Louisiana State University fish biologist.

AP

Oil surrounds the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Louisiana, Monday, May 31, 2010.

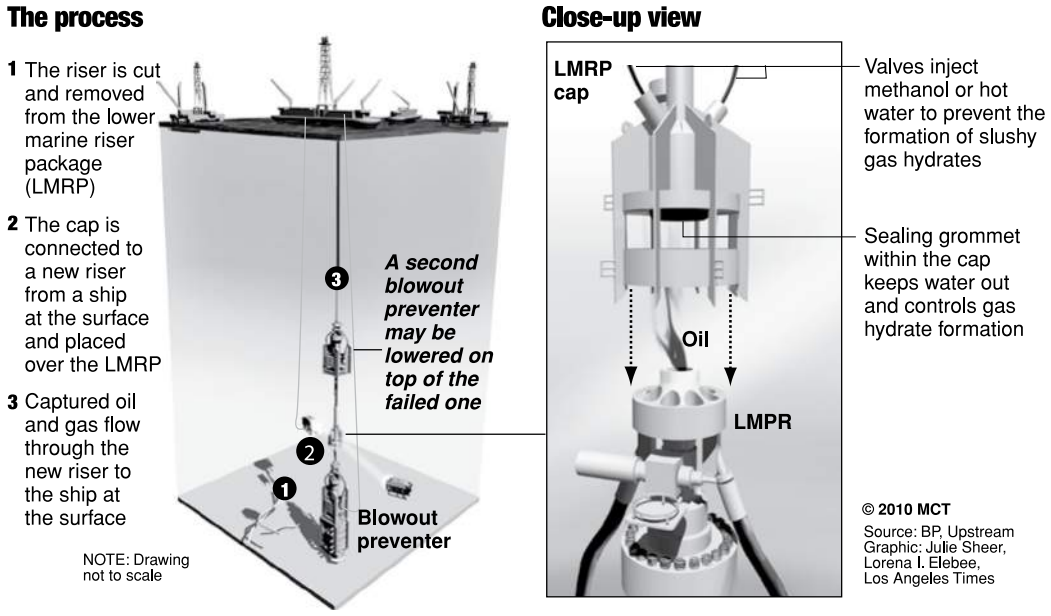
On the surface, a 24-hour camera fixed on the spewing, blown-out well and the images of dead, oil-soaked birds have been evidence of the calamity. At least 20 million gallons of oil and possibly 43 million gallons have spilled since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded and sank in April.

That has far eclipsed the 11 million gallons released during the *Exxon Valdez* spill off Alaska's coast in 1989. But there is no camera to capture what happens in the rest of the vast Gulf, which sprawls across 600,000 square miles and reaches more than 14,000 feet at its deepest point.

Every night, the denizens of the deep make forays to shallower depths to eat—and be eaten by—other fish, according to marine scientists who describe it as the largest migration on earth.

## Another containment option

*After the failure of the "top kill" procedure, BP will attempt to stop the leak by capping the blowout preventer's lower marine riser package, which could take several days.*


The process
1 The riser is cut and removed from the lower marine riser package (LMRP)
2 The cap is connected to a new riser from a ship at the surface and placed over the LMRP
3 Captured oil and gas flow through the new riser to the ship at the surface
NOTE: Drawing not to scale
A second blowout preventer may be lowered on top of the failed one
Blowout preventer
Close-up view
LMRP cap
Valves inject methanol or hot water to prevent the formation of slushy gas hydrates
Sealing grommet within the cap keeps water out and controls gas hydrate formation
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Govt to hit airlines harder for bumping passengers

**DALLAS** (AP)—Giving up your airline seat may become a little less painful. Federal officials are expected to announce this week a plan to raise the maximum amount that airlines must pay passengers who get bumped off an oversold flight, currently at $400 or $800 depending on how long a trip is delayed. Bumpings rose in three of the past four years and jumped 10 percent to 762,422 in 2009, the highest total since 2002. They soared 17 percent in this year's first quarter. The potential inconvenience is greater now too. Airlines have cut back on flights and planes are more crowded, so bumped passengers could wait hours or even days to find alternate arrangements.

### Asian markets fall amid China, Europe jitters

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Asian stocks fell Tuesday amid news China's manufacturing slowed in May and as investors fretted Europe's shaky government finances could undermine the global economic recovery. With no fresh cues from Wall Street, which was closed for a holiday Monday, investors in the region returned to a theme that has troubled markets for weeks: whether austerity measures to address Europe's debt mountain will send the region back into recession, hurting export-reliant Asia. Surveys showing that growth in China's manufacturing had slowed recently underlined that Asian manufacturers and exporters remain vulnerable to any waning of demand from Europe and elsewhere.

### Oil hovers below $73 as traders eye Europe economy

**SINGAPORE** (AP)—Oil prices hovered below $74 a barrel Tuesday in Asia, a calm start to June after the Europe debt crisis fueled wild fluctuations in crude last month. Benchmark crude for July delivery was down 6 cents at $73.90 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract last settled down 58 cents at $73.97 on Friday because markets in the U.S. were closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. Crude traded as high as $75.17 a barrel in Europe on Monday.

# Feds: Man's global Ponzi scheme 'massive,' mocking

**EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.** (AP)—A Canadian national who the U.S. government says swindled $70 million from 40,000 investors on six continents carried out the same kind of Ponzi scheme the one-time bank robber mocked on his website, federal investigators allege.

Nicholas Smirnow warned clients of his online business, "Pathway to Prosperity," to stay away from high-yield investment programs that often boast of unrealistic returns for little or no risk. Yet a federal criminal complaint alleges that he promised "outlandish" return rates—investigators say anywhere from 546 percent to 17,000 percent—with no explanation of his methodology or his identity.

Smirnow, 53, also hid an extensive criminal past that included convictions for burglary and drug trafficking in Canada, according to the documents.

"He warned: 'the bigger the return on offer, the louder the warning bells should sound,'" the complaint, dated Friday and obtained Monday by The Associated Press, alleged. "Investors, however, did not heed the 'warning bells' of Smirnow's ridiculous claims of unrealistic rates of return and instead invested by the thousands."

Smirnow, who prosecutors believe lives in the Philippines though his whereabouts Monday were unclear, was charged with conspiracy and securities, mail and wire fraud. Some of the charges carry up to 20 years in prison and $250,000 in fines.

Interpol, the Paris-based international police intelligence-sharing association, declined to disclose Monday whether it was involved and deferred questions to Filipino authorities.

The case is being handled by the U.S. Attorney for southern Illinois in part because the assigned prosecutor has expertise in such investment cases. Smirnow's alleged swindle also claimed victims in half of the 38 counties making up that jurisdiction's turf.

Smirnow lured investors despite keeping his identity hidden, suggesting through his online enterprise—also known as "P-2-P" and "P-2-P Network"—that other securities pitchmen did not share his "strong moral foundation," according to the complaint. He said keeping his identity masked protected his safety and ensured his program's success.

# Nation

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Hiker missing 3 days is found hurt in Maine park

**BAXTER STATE PARK, Maine** (AP)—A hiker missing for three days in a state park in northern Maine has been spotted while waving at a search helicopter and has been rescued. The helicopter landed Monday afternoon near 41-year-old Michael Hays, who had a crushed kneecap and was covered in insect bites. Rescuers helped him hobble to the helicopter and flew him to a hospital. Hays was seen by other hikers Friday afternoon on the narrow and rocky Knife Edge Trail between Pamola Peak and Baxter Peak, both about 5,000 feet high. The search began Saturday after he failed to sign out on a trail register. The Stow, Ohio, resident is an experienced hiker who was equipped for a day hike. But he says he made several stupid mistakes. He credits park rangers with getting him out alive.

### 1 dead, 7 hospitalized after California concert

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Authorities are awaiting autopsy and toxicology results after a man died and at least seven other people were hospitalized after apparently taking tainted drugs at a suburban San Francisco concert. Five of the seven hospitalized were in critical condition Monday, while two were in stable condition. Daly City police say 23-year-old Anthony Mata of Santa Clara died Sunday from a suspected drug overdose at a San Francisco hospital. He and the others fell ill after attending Saturday's "POP 2010: The Dream" music festival in Daly City. Capt. Cory Roay says Mata may have been under the influence of Ecstasy and methamphetamine. But he says the symptoms are not consistent with a normal Ecstasy overdose. "They are actually much more serious and life-threatening." Roay says investigators are still trying to determine who supplied the tainted drugs.

### Marine aircraft mishap injures 10 at NYC park

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A U.S. Marine Corps aircraft's powerful propellers whipped up a wind that sent branches hurling off a tree and into a crowd of about 150 people watching a Memorial Day demonstration in a park, leaving 10 people with cuts and other minor injuries, officials and a witness said. As the Osprey MV-22 aircraft landed at Staten Island's Clove Lakes Park on Monday morning, the wind generated by its twin rotors stirred tree limbs, dirt from a nearby baseball field and other debris into a swirl that sent spectators scattering, witness Ann Hirsch said. "It was like a storm of sand and garbage and people running," said Hirsch, 66, of Staten Island. "Branches just came down. They were all over the park. ... It was really scary." One tree lost all its branches on one side.

# After rain-out, Obama delivers speech back home

**ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md.** (AP)—President Barack Obama said Monday that the meaning of Memorial Day is found in the story of ordinary Americans who become extraordinary for one simple reason: love of country.

Obama, speaking to dozens of troops at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington after his Land of Lincoln tribute in Illinois was washed out by a storm, said the nation's fallen heroes had such a deep love of country that they willingly sacrificed their own lives to protect it.

"In this time of war, we pay special tribute to the thousands of Americans who have given their lives during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and who have earned their place among the greatest of generations," Obama said in the Monday evening speech.

Vice President Joe Biden earlier made the more traditional appearance at Arlington National Cemetery on Obama's behalf, saying the country has "a sacred obligation" to make sure its servicemen and women are the best equipped and best-supported troops in the world.

AP

President Barack Obama speaks to members of the military and their families following his arrival at Andrews Air Force base, Monday, May 31, 2010.

"As a nation, we pause to remember them," Biden said. "They gave their lives fulfilling their oath to this nation and to us."

Obama had readied a similar message of gratitude for his appearance at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Ill., and actually had taken the podium to give the address when the skies opened up with a downpour and thunder, lightning and high winds.

Under the cover of a large umbrella, Obama told thousands gathered that "a little bit of rain doesn't hurt anybody, but we don't want anybody being struck by lightning." He asked people to return to their cars for their safety, and he retreated briefly to an administration building on the cemetery's grounds. A few minutes later Obama boarded a pair of buses to greet military families that came for the event.

Before the storm hit, and in advance of his appearance at the podium, Obama had visited a section of headstones where two Marines awaited him. After laying a wreath, he bowed his head in a moment of silence, his hands tightly clasped. Then a lone bugler played taps.

After leaving the cemetery, Obama met privately with families of veterans and service members currently living at the Fisher House in Hines, Ill. It serves as a home away from home for family members whose loved ones are getting treatment at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Hines, which is about 12 miles west of downtown Chicago.

At Arlington, Biden carried out the traditional wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns under a brilliant sunshine.

The vice president, accompanied by Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the country's service members are "the heart and soul and, I would say, spine of this nation." He said taking part in the annual ceremony was "the greatest honor of my public life."

Obama's decision to appear in Illinois, rather than at the national burial grounds at Arlington, had been controversial, and some veterans groups criticized him for it, although he was not the first president to bypass the annual outing.

# Obama administration concerned about Gaza incident

**CHICAGO** (AP)—President Barack Obama voiced "deep regret" over Monday's deadly Israeli commando raids, and the White House said he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed by phone to reschedule White House talks "at the first opportunity."

In a statement issued by presidential aides in Chicago, where Obama and his family have been spending the Memorial Day weekend, the president was said to have "expressed the importance of learning all the facts and circumstances" surrounding the incident involving aid ships seeking access to the blockaded Gaza Strip.

"He said he understood the prime minister's decision to return immediately to Israel to deal with today's events," the statement said. Netanyahu had been scheduled to meet with Obama Tuesday at the White House.

At the State Department, spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "Ultimately, this incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region."

The United States has been trying to restart direct peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians, but progress toward this achievement has lagged severely in recent months. At least nine people were killed and dozens wounded in the incident Monday.

The raid brought heightened attention to Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, imposed after the Palestinian militant group Hamas seized control of the tiny Mediterranean territory in 2007. The blockade—along with Israel's fierce offensive against Gaza in the winter of 2008-2009 to stop Hamas rocket fire—has fueled anti-Israeli sentiment around the Muslim world.

# Detained immigrants may help bring in census money

**TACOMA, Wash.** (AP)—Paulo Sergio Alfaro-Sanchez, an illegal immigrant being held at a detention center in Washington state, had no idea that the federal government would count him in the census.

No one gave him a census form. No one told him his information would be culled from the center's records.

But counted he was, along with other illegal immigrants facing deportation in detention centers across the country—about 30,000 people on any given day, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement.

By the time the census delivers the total tallies to the state and federal government, most of the immigrants will be long gone. But because the population snapshot determines the allocation of federal dollars, those in custody could help bring money to the towns, cities and counties in Texas, Arizona, Washington and Georgia where the country's biggest and newest facilities are located.

"I think the irony, if there's any irony, is that the locality is what's going to benefit, because you have a detention center in a particular city where people have been brought from different parts of the region, and that community will benefit," said Arturo Vargas, executive director of National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, an organization that has pushed Latinos to participate in the census.

This census brings a twist, though. For the first time, states have the option of counting people in detention centers and prisons as residents of their last address before they're detained, worrying some local lawmakers who say cities and counties that host detention centers could lose money.

AP

Paulo Sergio Alfaro-Sanchez poses for a photo, Monday, May 24, 2010, in an interview room at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Wash., where he is fighting deportation to his native Mexico.

"Detention centers and prisons should probably count where they are located, that's where resources would be required," Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, D-Georgia wrote in a May letter to the chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the census. Bishop represents Stewart County, Georgia, population 4,600, where the nation's largest detention center housed a total of 14,000 people between April 2007 and March 2008.

# Month after bomb try, New Yorkers breathing easier

**NEW YORK** (AP)—On a warm spring afternoon, Times Square brims with people jostling for scarce sidewalk space, staking their claim to shaded tables and enjoying a day out in one of the world's flashiest, most famous spots. Few cast a second glance at the parked cars flanking the sidewalk stands.

Police officers are visible on every block, and the smoking SUV found packed with propane and gasoline a month ago seems a distant memory.

"It feels like the safest place in New York," said Courtney John, who works in Times Square. But, she added, "That could change if something else happens."

Suspect Faisal Shahzad was in custody two days after the May 1 attack. After that - on the surface, at least - there was defiance and adherence to routine. "What else are you going to do?" asks Valerie Andsager, a New Yorker waiting for a friend in Times Square. "You can't be on your guard every minute."

While federal investigators have fanned out to Pakistan and across the country to identify the scope of what they call a serious terror plot against the U.S., the same throngs of tourists are waiting in line for Broadway shows and buying knockoff handbags. Cars are parked three deep in no-standing zones.

# Asia

# Aquino promises justice for RP massacre

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine president-apparent vowed to bring to justice members of a powerful political clan charged in the country's worst massacre of 57 people, telling European Union ambassadors Monday that he will not tolerate armed groups outside the law.

Sen. Benigno Aquino III, who is awaiting an official proclamation by the Philippine Congress following May 10 presidential elections, told reporters he discussed the Nov. 23 massacre in southern Maguindanao province with EU ambassadors and made a commitment to obtain justice.

Members of the Ampatuan clan who were allied with outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo are among 198 suspects charged with murdering their political rivals and at least 30 journalists in an election convoy. They allegedly led more than 100 police and government-armed militia in the slaughter.

So far, only one member of the family, former town mayor Andal Amptuan Jr., has appeared at a trial that opened in January. The other six are in custody waiting to be arraigned. They have denied the charges against them.

AP

President-apparent Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, talks to the media following his meeting with the new U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Harry Thomas Jr., unseen, at his residence at Manila's Quezon City Friday May 21, 2010.

Aquino said he will not tolerate a situation where "one entity or a group or a family thinks they are above the law."

However, Aquino so far has refrained from promising to disband the government-allied militia—an auxiliary force that has augmented outstretched government troops battling communist and Muslim insurgents for decades, and often ended up as a private army on the payroll of local politicians.

Human Rights Watch has recently expressed disappointment with his refusal to disarm poorly trained village fighters.

Aquino also said he intends to seek justice for hundreds of victims of extrajudicial killings—mostly left-wing activists accused by the military of collaborating with communist insurgents and sympathizers .

EU Ambassador Alistair MacDonald led 12 other envoys in congratulating Aquino at his suburban Quezon city home. MacDonald said they were keen to hear from him how the EU can support his reform agenda.

The ambassadors also offered support for the peace process with the main Muslim rebel group in the southern Philippines. The EU has earlier accepted membership in an international team of cease-fire observers.

The decades-long battle for minority Muslim self-rule by the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels will be one of Aquino's major security headaches.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Japanese leader faces mounting calls to step down

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's embattled prime minister faced growing pressure Tuesday from within his own party to resign ahead of July elections over his broken campaign promise to move a U.S. Marine base off the southern island of Okinawa. Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's approval ratings have plummeted as he backtracked on the vow to move Marine Air Station Futenma off the southern island, reinforcing his public image as an indecisive leader after only eight months in office. Many analysts say he may well step down ahead of upper house elections, likely to be held in mid-July—or perhaps right after the elections if his party, the Democratic Party of Japan, does poorly. If he does resign soon, he would be the fourth Japanese prime minister to do so in four years.

### Mongolia counts carcasses after harsh winter

**UYANGA, Mongolia** (AP)—Before he can fully tend to his dwindling herd, Demberel has to bury the dead cows, goats and sheep in earth barely thawed from Mongolia's worst winter in decades. Fetid and fly-ridden, the carcasses lie stacked by the hundreds around a burial pit dug by Demberel and a dozen fellow herders. A truck brings dozens more carcasses. Others lie in piles or strewn in nearby valleys, potential health hazards for animals and humans alike. "We're bitter and sad that we've lost all our animals. There's no income for us," said Demberel, a 50-year-old herder and trained veterinarian, straight-backed and with a pockmarked face. "Gathering and loading these carcasses is difficult. They're rotting and they stink."

### US flies Afghan troops to recapture district

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—U.S. helicopters flew Afghan troops into a remote district overrun by the Taliban and recaptured the main town Tuesday without firing a shot, military officials said. The move comes ahead of a major conference in Kabul starting Wednesday where Afghan President Hamid Karzai will try to build consensus for peace overtures to the insurgents. The Taliban on Tuesday dismissed the conference as serving the interests of "foreign invaders." A unit of about 200 elite Afghan troops landed in Barg-e-Matal district of Nuristan province before dawn in an assault backed by U.S. helicopters and a handful of American advisers, U.S. officers familiar with the operation told The Associated Press.

### Australia sues Japan over controversial whaling

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan said Tuesday it would defend its research hunt that kills hundreds of whales per year, a day after Australia filed an international lawsuit arguing that the cull does not qualify for a scientific exemption to a 1986 ban. Australia—Japan's major trading partner—filed its lawsuit with the International Court of Justice in The Hague on Monday, officials in both countries confirmed, after Canberra announced its intention last week to file suit following years of fruitless diplomatic efforts to end the hunt. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano—Japan's top government spokesman—called Australia's action "extremely regrettable." A Japanese Foreign Ministry official in charge of whaling said that Tokyo would defend itself before the international court.

## Al-Qaida: No. 3 official killed with family

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazid, had been killed along with members of his family—perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terror movement since the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said al-Yazid was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike.

A statement posted on an al-Qaida Website said al-Yazid, which it described as the organization's top commander in Afghanistan, was killed along with his wife, three daughters, a grandchild and other men, women and children but did not say how or where.

The statement did not give an exact date for al-Yazid's death, but it was dated by the Islamic calendar month of "Jemadi al-Akhar," which falls in May.

A U.S. official in Washington said word was "spreading in extremist circles" of his death in Pakistan's tribal areas in the past two weeks.

His death would be a major blow to al-Qaida, which in December "lost both its internal and external operations

AP

This image released by the Site Intelligence Group made from undated video shows Sheikh Sa'id al-Masri, also known as Mustafa al-Yazid.

chiefs," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The Egyptian-born al-Yazid, also known as Sheik Saeed al-Masri, was a founding member of al-Qaida and the group's prime conduit to Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri. He was key to day-to-day control, with a hand in everything from finances to operational planning, the U.S. official said.

Al-Yazid has been reported killed before, in 2008, but this is the first time his death has been acknowledged by the militant group on the Internet.

Al-Yazid has been one of many targets in a U.S. Predator drone campaign aimed at militants in Pakistan since President Barack Obama took office. Al-Yazid made no secret of his contempt for the United States, once calling it "the evil empire leading crusades against the Muslims."

"We have reached the point where we see no difference between the state and the American people," al-Yazid told Pakistan's Geo TV in a June 2008 interview. "The United States is a non-Muslim state bent on the destruction of Muslims."

The shadowy, 55-year-old al-Yazid has been involved with Islamic extremist movements for nearly 30 years since he joined radical student groups led by fellow Egyptian al-Zawahri, now the No. 2 figure in al-Qaida after bin Laden.

## South Korea steps up campaign over ship sinking

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—South Korea broadened efforts Monday to convince the world and its own public that North Korea sank one of its warships, sharing evidence with Russian torpedo experts and preparing a special briefing for influential bloggers and Twitter personalities.

The persuasion campaign coincided with military exercises in which thousands of South Korean troops practiced fending off an attack from the North near the rivals' tense border. The drill, which the army said was routine and unrelated to the ship attack, involved building and defending pontoon bridges that scores of tanks used to cross a river as helicopters buzzed overhead.

The South is lobbying for support for U.N. action against the North, blamed for torpedoing the Cheonan warship and killing 46 sailors in March. Winning Moscow's backing would be vital because Russia is a veto-holding permanent Security Council member and a traditional ally of North Korea, which denies attacking the ship.

The Russian team—including torpedo and submarine experts—arrived Monday and received a briefing on the Cheonan probe, conducted by a multinational group of investigators. They were scheduled to examine the wreckage and visit the site of the alleged attack before finishing their report June 7, said a Defense Ministry official on condition of anonymity, citing department policy.

Konstantin Vnukov, Russia's ambassador to South Korea, said, "We are sending the experts to find out what exactly happened, who has to take responsibility and who did it."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Kim Young-sun told reporters, "We are expecting to see a frank and deep exchange of views between our group of experts about our investigation results."

If the Russians endorse the findings, it could be key to getting Beijing to support South Korea's bid for sanctions. China is another longtime North Korean ally and permanent council member.

# World

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Cuba trains Venezuela in military, communications

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—It's no longer just doctors, nurses and teachers. Cuba now sends Venezuela troops to train its military, and computer experts to work on its passport and identification-card systems. Critics fear that what is portrayed by both countries as a friendship committed to countering U.S. influence in the region is in fact growing into far more. They see a seasoned authoritarian government helping President Hugo Chavez to protect his power through Cuban-style controls, in exchange for oil. The Cuban government routinely spies on dissidents and maintains tight controls on information and travel. Cubans are involved in Venezuelan defense and communications systems to the point that they would know how to run both in a crisis, said Antonio Rivero, a former brigadier general whose break with Chavez over the issue has grabbed national attention.

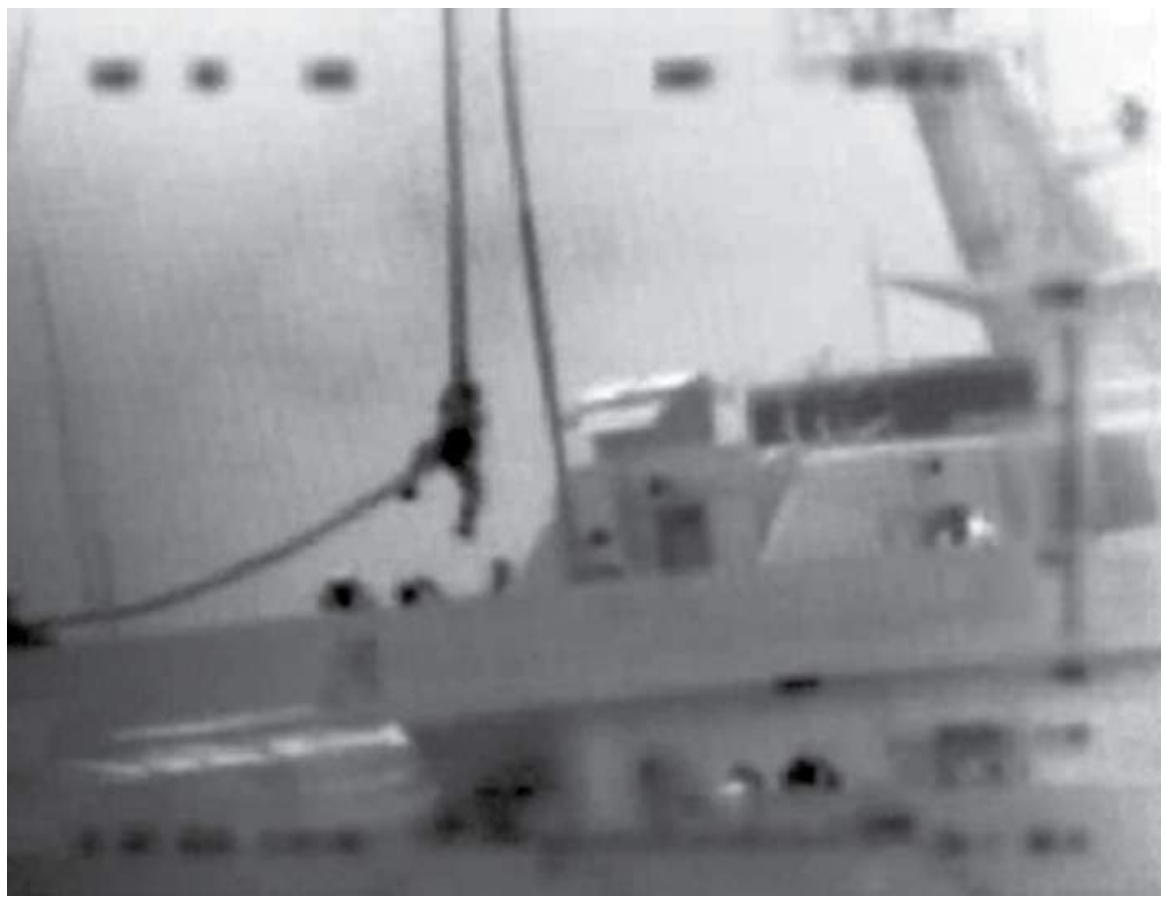
### Al-Qaida leader in Algeria surrenders

**ALGIERS, Algeria** (AP)—Algeria's Interior Ministry says a leader of al-Qaida's North Africa offshoot has turned himself in to authorities. The ministry says Atmane Touati—alias Abu El Abbas—gave up after his wife "convinced her husband to abandon the criminal horde and come home." The 37-year-old allegedly took part in a long-running Islamic insurgency against the government in the 1990s, and was seen as an ideological leader of the Algeria-based affiliate of al-Qaida. The ministry said Monday that Touati on May 25 became one of four members of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQMI, to turn himself in recently.

### Peruvian child becomes symbol of US undocumented

**LIMA, Peru** (AP)—Seven-year-old Daisy Cuevas, thrilled to see herself on television with U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, didn't quite understand the predicament in which she had innocently placed her undocumented Peruvian parents. "She laughed, she jumped up and down. She was excited" after the encounter at Daisy's suburban Washington, D.C., elementary school, the girl's maternal grandfather, Genaro Juica, told The Associated Press. The TV appearance made the pigtailed second grader a voice of the estimated 12 million immigrants living in the United States illegally—and a source of pride for Peru's president, who visits Washington on Tuesday.

# Israel faces condemnation, protests after raid



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This image made from video provided by the Israeli Defence Force on Monday, May 31, 2010 shows what the IDF says is one of several commandos being dropped onto the *Mavi Marmara* ship by helicopter in the Mediterranean Sea.

Israeli forces storm ship convoy carrying aid to Gaza
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The flotilla and the blockade
• A six-ship flotilla carrying aid to Gaza left Cyprus Sunday
• Israeli navy boarded largest ship; Israel, which has blockaded Gaza since 2007 when Hamas took power, had said it would not allow the ships to reach Gaza
• Countries worldwide have condemned the attack
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**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—Turkey withdrew its ambassador to Israel and called for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council as condemnations erupted across Europe and the Arab world over Israel's deadly commando raid on ships taking humanitarian aid to the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Government after government on Monday demanded an explanation from Israel, which said its soldiers were trying to defend themselves against armed activists. The White House said it was trying to learn more about "this tragedy."

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**JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military says Gaza militants have crossed the border into Israel and exchanged fire with troops. Israeli rescue services say two militants were killed.**

**Tensions are high Tuesday in the aftermath of an Israeli naval raid targeting an aid flotilla to Gaza, which is ruled by Hamas militants and is subject to an Israeli-Egyptian blockade.**

**Commandos boarding one of the ships Monday encountered resistance and killed nine pro-Palestinian activists in the ensuing clash.**

**The Israeli military says no troops were hurt in Tuesday's clash on the Gaza border.**

**Israeli police said roadblocks were thrown up inside Israel after the reported infiltration from Gaza.**

**Israel Radio reported that schoolchildren in the area were ordered to remain inside.**

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Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said "it should be known that we are not going to remain silent in the face of this inhumane state terrorism." Most of the nine dead were apparently from Turkey, once a close ally of Israel.

Erdogan cut short a visit to Latin America on Monday to return home because of the clash.

"This assault proved once again, clearly, that the current government of Israel does not want peace in the region," he told reporters in Chile .

"Faced with state terrorism we cannot be calm and silent," he said.

In Istanbul, a crowd tried to storm the Israeli Consulate. North of Jerusalem, Palestinians hurled bottles and stones at Israeli soldiers. In Jordan, hundreds urged their government to follow Turkey's lead and cut ties with Israel. Dozens of Egyptians protested outside the foreign ministry in Cairo criticizing the Egyptian government and holding pictures of late President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Israel said the activists attacked its commandos as they boarded the six ships taking tons of supplies to Gaza, while the flotilla's organizers said the Israeli forces opened fire first.

## Tropical Storm Agatha kills 150 in Central America

**GUATEMALA CITY** (AP)—Flooding and landslides from the season's first tropical storm have killed at least 150 people and made thousands homeless in Central America, officials said.

Dozens of people were missing and emergency crews struggled to reach isolated communities cut off by washed-out roads and collapsed bridges caused by Tropical Storm Agatha.

The sun emerged Monday in hardest-hit Guatemala, where officials reported 123 dead and at least 90 missing. In the department of Chimaltenango—a province west of Guatemala City—landslides buried dozens of rural Indian communities and killed at least 60 people, Gov. Erick de Leon said.

"The department has collapsed," de Leon said. "There are a lot of dead people. The roads are blocked. The shelters are overflowing. We need water, food, clothes, blankets—but above all, money."

In the tiny village of Parajbei, a slide smothered three homes and killed 11 people.

"It was raining really hard and there was a huge noise," said Vicente Azcaj, 56, who ran outside and saw that a hill had crumbled. "Now everyone is afraid that the same will happen to their homes."

Volunteers from nearby villages worked nonstop since Sunday to recover the bodies in Parajbei, and on Monday they found the last two: brothers, 4 and 8 years old, who were buried under tons of dirt, rocks and trees.

As a thank-you, rescuers got a plate of rice and beans from the mayor of nearby Santa Apolonia.

"It's a small thing, but it comes from the heart," Tulio Nunez told them through a translator.

Nunez said he worried about the well-being of survivors in the area because landslides blocked roads and broke water pipes.

"They don't have anything to drink," he said.

In all some 110,000 people were evacuated in Guatemala.

Thousands more fled their homes in neighboring Honduras, where the death toll rose to 17 while meteorologists predicted three more days of rain.

Two dams near the capital of Tegucigalpa overflowed into a nearby river, and officials warned people to stay away from swollen waterways.

"The risk is enormous," Mayor Ricardo Alvarez said.

## Pope appoints panel to investigate Ireland abuse

**VATICAN CITY** (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI has appointed nine prelates, including the archbishops of Boston and New York, to investigate child abuse in Ireland's Catholic institutions.

The pope urged the Irish church to support the investigation, saying it could be a chance for hope and renewal. In a March letter to the Irish faithful, Benedict had promised an investigation that addressed chronic clerical child abuse in Ireland and decades of cover-ups by church authorities.

Also Monday, the Vatican announced the pope had accepted the resignation of an Irish-born archbishop who had led the Benin City diocese in Nigeria and faced accusations that he carried on a 20-year relationship with a woman that began when she was 14.

Archbishop Richard Burke, 61, had been suspended. He was the latest bishop to resign amid the church abuse scandal, as Benedict moves to get rid of bishops who either admitted they molested youngsters or covered up for priests who did.

Child-abuse scandals have caused exceptional trauma in Ireland, a once-devoutly Catholic nation. An Irish government collapsed in 1994 amid arguments over its failure to extradite a pedophile priest to Northern Ireland. Since 2002, a government-organized compensation board has paid out more than euro800 million ($983 million) to 13,000 people abused in Ireland's church-run residential institutions for children.

The investigation in Ireland will deal with the handling of cases of abuse and providing assistance to victims.

# Focus

# Soldier widows caught in military, civilian worlds

By KEVIN MAURER and JULIE WATSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

**RAEFORD, N.C.** (AP)—Joann Yost still feels the stares of the other military wives five years after her husband was killed in Iraq: It happens at ceremonies honoring fallen soldiers or when she's grocery shopping with her son.

It is unsettling, but Yost understands. In this North Carolina community a half-hour from Fort Bragg, where homes are draped with American flags and where it's not uncommon to see men in buzz cuts, the 44-year-old Yost is a reminder of everything that can go wrong in war, how lives can change overnight.

"These women look at me and know how close it could have been their husband," said Yost, mother of a 6-year-old boy.

It is hard to be a young military widow. Yost and others say they feel out of place in both civilian life and in their military communities. They have lost their husbands, but also their very identities, and their connections to towns that once provided a critical support system.

Increasingly, they are turning to social networks and organizations for help in adjusting to their new lives.

To be sure, it is difficult for anyone who has lost a spouse to move on with life. But military wives feel an even greater weight, said Michelle Hernandez, founder of the Soaring Spirits Loss Foundation, a national support network for the bereaved.

Hernandez said the pain is compounded because military wives immerse themselves in a different world. They learn the acronyms sprinkled in soldierspeak, attend a calendar filled with military-hosted social events and adopt the schedule of long leaves and weekends between deployments.

They also share a similar world view: They are sacrificing their family life and lives defending freedom.

As a result, their struggle to move on is also harder. They often feel that if they start to date again, they are betraying not just the memory of their deceased husbands but also that of fallen national heroes.

"That separates them a little bit from civilian widows," said Hernandez, whose organization this August will hold Camp Widow, a national conference in San Diego, which will include talks for military widows. "They have paid the price for the greater common good. They point to a purpose that they were widowed. My husband was hit by a car so it's a totally different type of experience."

Many surviving spouses try to continue living near bases to maintain a connection to their previous life. Some send care packages to their husbands' units—even if they did not know many of the new troops. They go to military-sponsored balls.

But many find themselves trapped in a state of restless uncertainty. They don't feel as comfortable as before in military life, but they don't want to totally leave it, either.

Joann Yost sometimes feels as if she is wearing a giant "W" on her chest.

"It's not OK for us to laugh. It's not OK for us to smile. They don't understand how we're doing it. I find myself consoling people," she said.

Yost sees military wives counting the number of drinks she orders at a bar or whispering when she speaks to another man. In some ways, she understands. She remembers doing the same to another military widow before her own husband died.

Master Sgt. Tony Yost was killed in 2005 after an explosion went off in a building where he was searching for insurgents in the northern Iraqi town of Mosul. He was 39.

Three weeks after her husband's death, Yost buried him in Arlington National Cemetery. The coffin was closed and she never saw his body.

At night, when the house was quiet, she cried.

"They say time heals all wounds, but for a widow I don't think it does. We can get through the first year in deployment mode," Yost said. "But the longer away it gets, the more I know he isn't coming back."

Now, she is acutely aware of the peculiar status of widows in the community.

"If we sit at home and don't do anything, we get the calls. `She is crazy. She is a hermit.' If we go out, we get the comments," Yost said. "Where do we fit in?"

A widowed friend of Yost's is moving away from Fort Bragg because she is tired of the scrutiny.

"Some of us feel like we have to get away to become ourselves again. You're under the spotlight constantly. They see you as so-and-so's widow," Yost said. "She can't take it anymore, so she is moving away."

Christine Petriken said even living away from Bragg did not help.

She arrived in the United States seven years ago with two suitcases and her 8-year-old daughter, Rhiannon, after her husband was killed in a Humvee accident near As Samawah, Iraq.

They had been living at the U.S. Army base in Germany. She moved to North Carolina to be near family and now lives near Jacksonville, hours from Fort Bragg. But she still feels judged by other military wives at the nearby Marine Corps base.

"I feel like I always have to explain myself," she said. "We're the orphans of military society. There is no widow's manual."

There are more than 54,000 survivors of spouses who served in conflicts from World War II to Afghanistan. Fort Bragg has almost 2,000 surviving spouses, parents and children in its database and formed a group to help widows find a community where they feel comfortable.

Fort Bragg Survivor Outreach Services is "a place for them to come to get accurate information, be themselves, and to have a place that is just for them," said Charlotte Watson, program manager.

"The soldier was immersed in the military community," Watson said. "This was their career, their way of life, and so the families may always feel a connection with the military."

Rachelle Vaughn says she feels like one of the lucky ones. It's been two years since soldiers came to her door with the news that dropped her to her knees, screaming: A sniper had killed her 22-year-old husband Richard in Iraq.

When her husband died, she was only 11 days pregnant. Their marriage was less than a month old and their entire relationship had only lasted 15 months. Vaughn moved back immediately to their hometown of San Diego.

"It was such a weird feeling losing your husband and knowing that your friends' husbands were still out there," the 24-year-old said. "I was so afraid to tell the rest of the wives. I didn't want to."

Instead of being shunned, she was embraced. The few military wives she had come to know at Fort Hood, where her husband was stationed, flew to San Diego to be with her. They helped make her food and consoled her.

Then she was contacted on MySpace by a young widow who wanted to let her know she was not alone. Soon after she received a DVD of the testimonies of other young widows like herself through the American Widow Project, an organization started by Taryn Davis after her husband was killed by roadside bombs in Iraq in 2007.

The organization collects the stories of young military widows and offers a hot line so they can talk to other widows. They also organize events, like skydiving, to help the women enjoy life again.

"It was amazing to know somebody else was out there dealing with this, sharing the same emotions," Vaughn said.

Vaughn said friends who are military widows "have told me they were shunned, that people treat it like a disease, like they'll catch it too," she said. "Thankfully I didn't get that."

For Vaughn, staying connected to her husband's unit feeds her soul.

She sends care packages of candy, lip balm and magazines to Richard's unit and receives news from the new commanding officer each time the troops are deployed. Next month, she is flying to Colorado to attend an Army pre-deployment ball "to hang out with some of the kids."

"There's something about being a military wife that makes it different, and it makes you want to do something to honor the military because now he's a part of history," she said.

Vaughn has a cabinet filled with pictures and memorabilia of her husband's Army career. She had a photographer Photoshop her husband's image in her son's portraits. She has saved his razor, cell phone, gun holder and military ID. She still buys things at the Army store, like an Army bib for their son, Richard, who is now 18 months old.

Jay Boulter, a grief counselor who has worked with the military, said it is common for a widow to remain in the house she shared with her husband, keep her husband's old car or uniforms at hand, or keep in contact with her husband's unit.

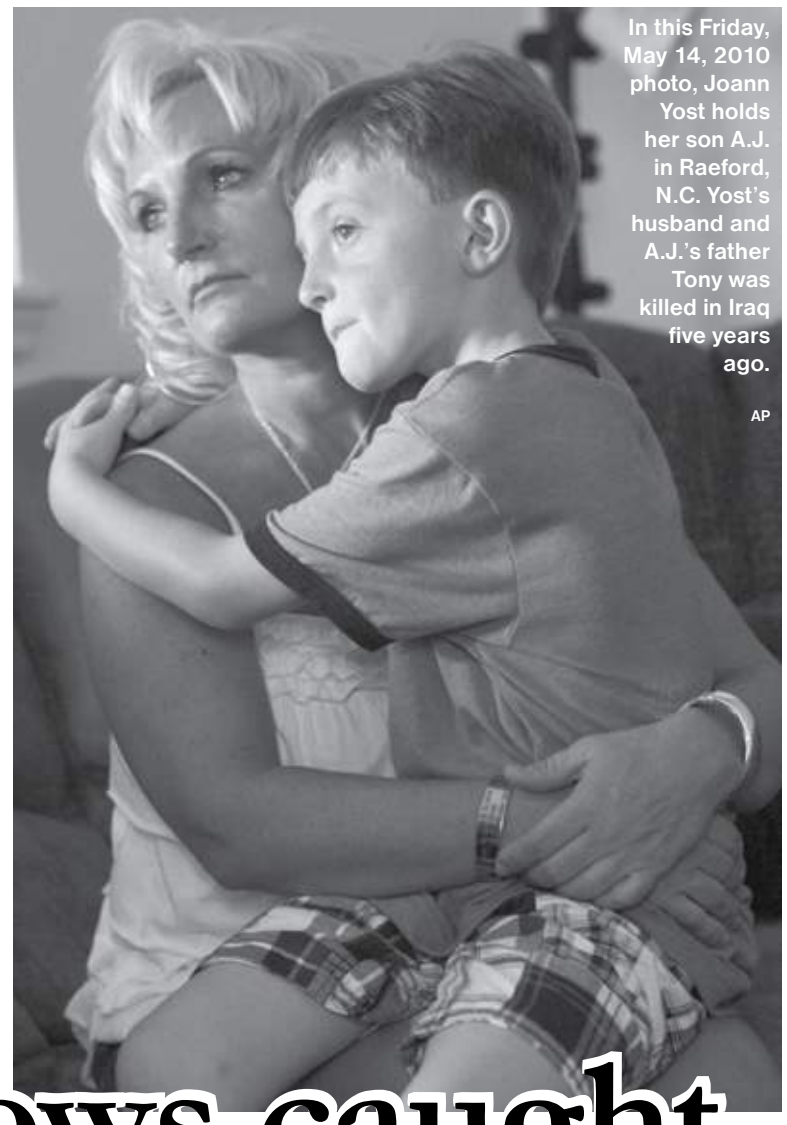
"Just as in the old days when there would be a loss of a family member, the community would come around," he said. "You stay there because you are getting what you need."

For years, Joann Yost kept Tony's uniforms in the closet and her office was a tribute to her fallen husband. Pictures clogged the shelf, and a framed portrait of him cradling a sniper rifle in Iraq looked down on her as she worked on the computer.

But over time, the room became too much.

If he were alive, Tony probably wouldn't recognize their house today. Gone is his old recliner. All the furniture is new and every room has a woman's sensibility.

"I made it that way because I want to do what I want. I can be me," she said.



In this Friday, May 14, 2010 photo, Joann Yost holds her son A.J. in Raeford, N.C. Yost's husband and A.J.'s father Tony was killed in Iraq five years ago.

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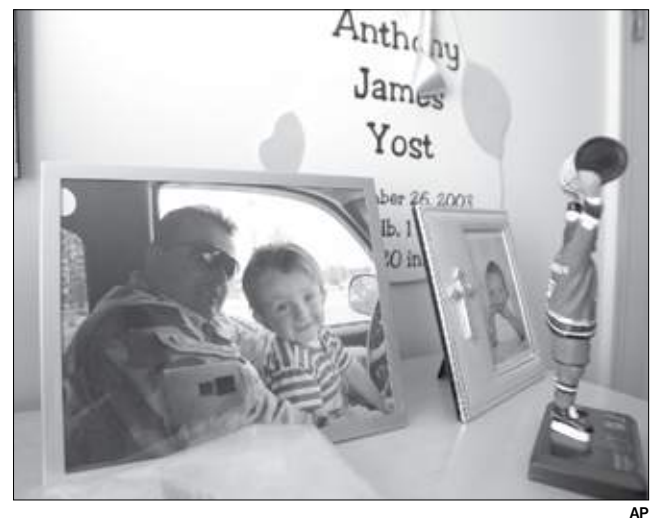


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In this Friday, May 14, 2010 photo, A.J. Yost is seen in a photo with his father Tony in Raeford, N.C. Tony was killed in Iraq five years ago.

# Campus Life

## Saipan Southern High library awarded $6K grant

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**NMC TOUR**
From left, senators Luis Crisostomo, Pete Reyes, Ralph Torres, and Jovita Taimanao take a look at a display case at the CNMI Archives at the Northern Marianas College. The four legislators, along with Rota Senator Juan Ayuyu (not in photo), recently visited the college to tour the various facilities open to NMC's students and the CNMI community.

Saipan Southern High School has been chosen as one of 188 school libraries across the nation that will receive a grant from The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries.

In an announcement issued yesterday, the foundation said that grant funds totaling $1,098,634 will be awarded to 188 school libraries for 2010. The schools receive grants of up to $6,000 to expand, update and diversify their library book collections.

Saipan Southern High School is the only school in the Northern Mariana Islands to receive a grant from the foundation.

School librarian Sudi Q. Napalan is a first-time applicant of the grant.

In her application, Napalan said, "I have never witnessed the intense desire for new books and magazines from high school students until I started working in Saipan Southern High School library! This has been my inspiration to give my best in serving the students over the years."

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries was founded in 2002 and has awarded more than $5.4 million to 1,087 schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,

Sudi Napalan

Marshall Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands and now the Northern Mariana Islands. Grants are funded through generous donations to the endowment from individuals, corporations and foundations.

The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is to support the education of the nation's children by providing funds to update, extend and diversify the book and print collections of America's school libraries. Further information is available at www.laurabushfoundation.org. ***(PR)***

## Summer bummer: Teen jobs in short supply

**By SUZANNE ZIEGLER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Parents and counselors to teens: Do something, ANYTHING, this summer! Teens: Easier said than done! It turns out that both are right.

This summer is proving to be a daunting one for teens looking for work. They're facing an already tight job market, and competing with college students struggling to get a job in their field and laid-off adults who are quick to snatch up typically teen summer jobs. And competition is high among teens themselves: Nationally, their unemployment rate is 25 percent.

"If you're in the job market, you're probably struggling no matter who you are," said Oriane Casale of Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development. "For teens, it's just a little bit more challenging because they don't have a work history and they often don't have very many marketable skills."

Experts—and parents—are quick to say that teens who cannot find a job need to find something productive to do. But it will take persistence.

Landing an internship can be just as competitive as finding a job, even if it's unpaid. Other options: volunteer work, classes, job-shadowing, mission work or starting your own business, even if it's as simple as mowing lawns or watching the neighbors' kids.

Anything, they say, is better than nothing. And it's important for your college and work resume to be able to list that you did something other than just hang out.

"Any young person who can walk into a college or employer with work experience will be a cut above the rest," said Tammy Dickinson, direct of STEP-UP, a Minneapolis jobs program that connects young people with agencies and companies. "Even if you cannot find a paid job, get out there and volunteer. There are so many organizations that need the help of a young person."

Increases in minimum wage also are being blamed for the loss of teen jobs, making the search for work even more challenging. Dickinson said STEP-UP had 4,000 applicants for 2,000 spots this year. About 1,350 of those young people will land summer jobs.

STEP-UP recently held a mock interview session to help bolster teens' confidence in talking with prospective employers. One participant was Robert Harper, 16, a sophomore at Columbia Heights High School.

"I don't want to be sitting around the house all summer," said Harper, as he and about 400 students waited for their mock interviews at the Minneapolis Convention Center. "I want to earn money for clothes and get money to pay for driver's ed and get a permit."

Across the river in St. Paul, J'Aundra Jackson, a sophomore at Johnson High School, is working through the YWCA's IMPACT employment and training program.

"I applied to Taco Bell, McDonald's and Burger King, but it's hard because everyone needs a job," said Jackson, 16, who hopes to land an office job this summer that will help her toward her goal of having her own dental hygienist business.

BRIAN PETERSON/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT

Teens are having a tough time finding work for the summer. Murphy Alexander, 17, pictured May 13, 2010, has started his own business, selling items on eBay for friends and neighbors, out of his home office in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

More immediately, though, she wants to earn money and, like Harper, pay for driver's ed classes so she can get her permit. "I want to save for that and buy clothes next year and have my own spending money," she said.

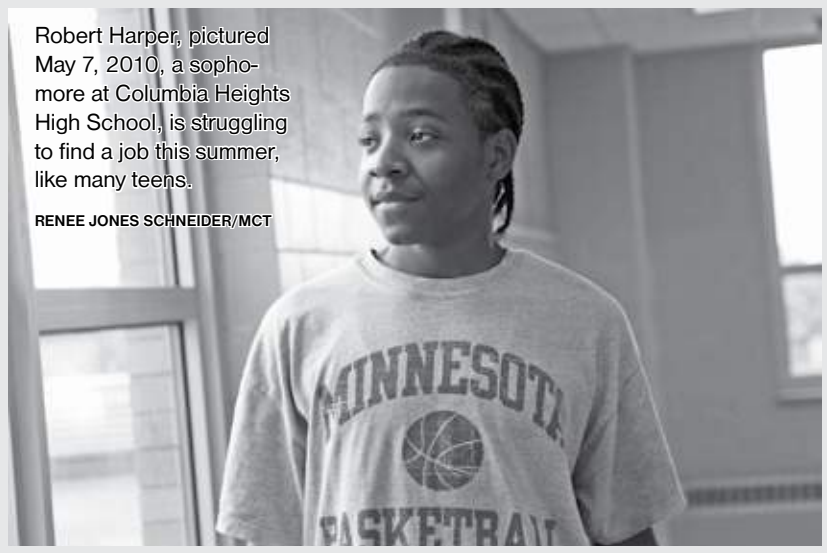
Murphy Alexander, 17, a junior at Eden Prairie High School, has worked as a caddie but said that waking up early was tough. So he took matters into his own hands last summer and started selling items on eBay for friends and relatives. Word of mouth helped build the business and he made about $2,500 by taking a commission on what he sells.

With plenty of his friends out job-hunting (the lucky ones found work before the college kids started returning home), he's just starting in on the summer sales season. "I like working out of my house and not having to look for a job," he said.

But there is a bright spot for teens still looking for work. DEED's Minnesota Teen Summer Employment Outlook 2010 reports job growth nationally among food and clothing retailers, both of which tend to hire teens over the summer months.

On the flip side, the report is interspersed with more suggestions for unpaid work this year, such as one subsection: "Can't Find a Job? Consider Volunteering!"

Casale said it was intentional, given the challenges facing teen job-seekers. "It would be wonderful if all youth were able to get a job, but if they can't, then we wanted to give some really useful options."



Robert Harper, pictured May 7, 2010, a sophomore at Columbia Heights High School, is struggling to find a job this summer, like many teens.

RENEE JONES SCHNEIDER/MCT

Whether high schoolers want to go right to work when they graduate or are heading to college, it's an increasingly competitive world.

The University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus had more than 36,000 students apply for a projected freshman class of 5,300 next fall, said Wayne Sigler, director of admissions.

The strongest consideration is given to students with an overall strong academic record, he said, with volunteer and work experience viewed as secondary factors. But Sigler stressed that those secondary factors "may be a tipping point for students who are on the bubble with respect to being admitted."

And while summer work experiences are important for college and job goals, the experts said they also help to build self- esteem and confidence in young people.

J'Aundra, the St. Paul teen, said she has no interest in sitting around all summer. "I have the ability to have my own money and own responsibilities and provide for myself," she said.

# Life & Style

# US college to return stolen letter by Descartes

By KATHY MATHESON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**HAVERFORD, Pennsylvania** (AP)—The valuable 17th-century letter was hiding in plain sight, available to almost anyone who checked the "D" drawer of the library card catalog at Haverford College.

"Descartes, Rene (1596-1650) French philosopher. 'Mon Reverend Pere' 27 May, 1641 (?) (in French)," reads the handwritten index card.

Yet this signed missive from Descartes, a pivotal figure in Western philosophy and mathematics, had remained unnoticed by scholars for more than a century until a Haverford librarian posted its existence online last fall.

The "discovery" of the famous, long-lost letter at first seemed an archivist's dream. But it briefly turned into a nightmare when college officials realized the document had illicit origins.

The happy ending comes next week when Haverford returns the letter to its rightful owner in Paris.

"We're not in the business of keeping stolen property," college President Stephen Emerson said.

The letter was one of thousands pilfered from French libraries in the 1800s by Guglielmo Libri, the director entrusted with their care. He was convicted in absentia of several thefts in France in 1850 but had already fled to England, selling the documents to collectors and booksellers.

Somehow, Descartes' four-page, tightly scripted correspondence ended up in a 12,000-piece collection donated to Haverford in 1902 by the widow of alumnus Charles Roberts. College officials believe Roberts, who collected autographs, had no idea of the letter's provenance.

Descartes ("I think, therefore I am") had written the dispatch to a priest friend to discuss his struggle with what would become his seminal book, "Meditations on First Philosophy." It is now a basic text for college philosophy students.

Descartes was seeking advice on what to include, and what to leave out, to avoid excommunication from the Catholic Church, said Emerson, a 1974 philosophy major at Haverford.

But the letter remained inconspicuous at Haverford, an elite liberal arts college near Philadelphia, until John Anderies, head of special collections, posted an inventory of the Roberts trove online last fall.

A Descartes researcher at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands found the listing and asked Anderies to e-mail him a scan of the letter.

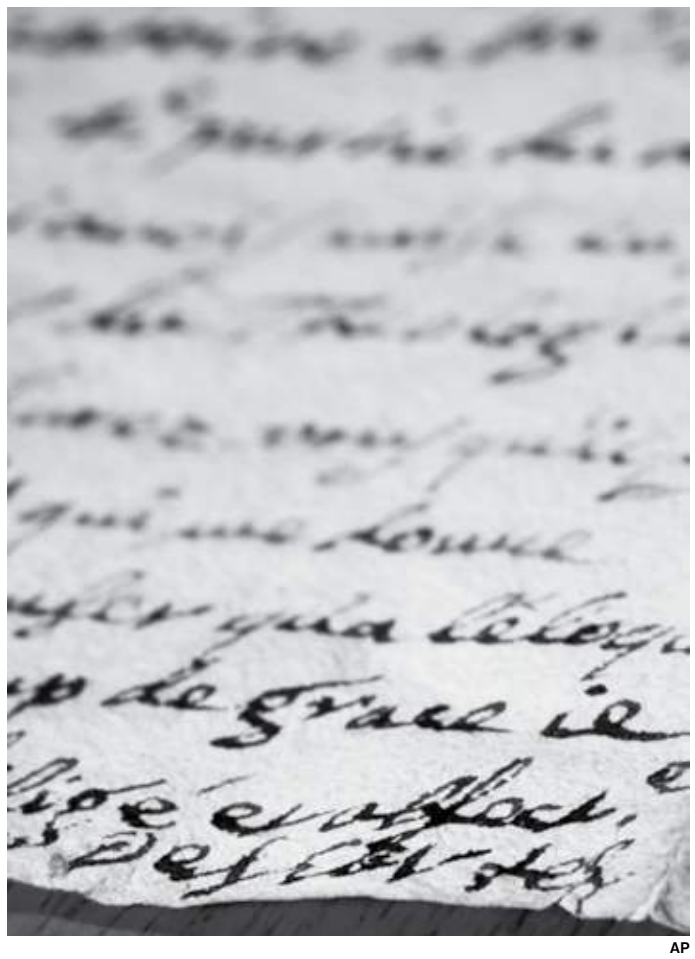
"It's one of those precious finds," said the scholar, Erik-Jan Bos. "If they had not caught up with the spirit of digitizing the collections, then it could have been hidden there for another many years."

Then Bos broke the news of the letter's history. Further investigation—including an ultraviolet light that appeared to reveal where Libri scraped off a property stamp—seemed to confirm Bos' theory, said Anderies, who is still floored by the whole story.

"You don't think something like this will necessarily happen," Anderies said. "It's an amazing profession."

Emerson, the college president, immediately knew he wanted to return the letter to the Institut de France. The institute's chancellor, Gabriel de Broglie, was so thrilled he offered Haverford a reward of 15,000 euros ($19,000).

"The gesture honors you and exemplifies the depth of moral values that you instill in your students," de Broglie wrote to Haverford.



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This May 6, 2010 photo shows a letter signed by French philosopher Rene Descartes (1596-1650) in Haverford, Pa.

Emerson will accept the gift at the June 8 handover ceremony in Paris. The money will be used to support students studying French language and culture, he said.

Bos plans to write a journal article on the letter later this year. It will be the second in-depth examination of the document after a 1981 translation and analysis by Haverford student Conrad Turner, whose research had been archived as well.

Turner, now an overseas diplomat with the State Department, said by e-mail that he's proud the university is returning the letter to its "proper home."

Bos said his article will include details of a second obscure Descartes letter that he recently unearthed online. A picture of the correspondence in a 1983 auction catalog contained the complete text, he said.

Though less consequential than the Haverford letter—it's about a personal academic dispute—the 1645 document still illustrates another piece of Descartes' life, Bos said. The missive sold for $8,800 and since then has not resurfaced publicly, he said.

Meanwhile, back at Haverford, Anderies has acquired another rare find for the library: An out-of-print 1995 biography titled "The Life and Times of Guglielmo Libri: Scientist, patriot, scholar, journalist, and thief."


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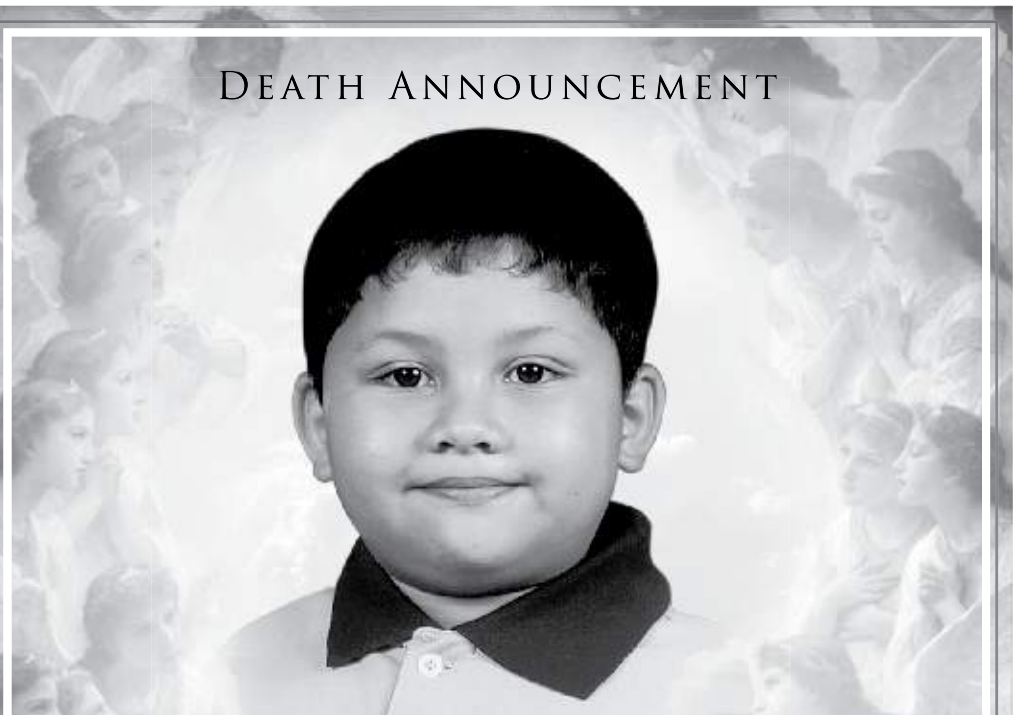

Irwin Joshua G. Welle
August 18, 2002 – May 28, 2010

This is to inform the relatives and friends that Irwin Joshua G. Welle, the son of Joseph George and Editha G. Welle was called to his eternal rest on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Daily Mass is being offered at Kristo Rai Church, 6am.

Final Viewing will be on June 3, 2010, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, immediately followed by a mass. The body will be sent to the Philippines on June 3, 2010 at 10:30pm.

**Thank you very much!**



*In Celebration of her New Life*

†JENNIFER DUENAS SABLAN TORRES
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***Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:***

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Rosalia Duenas Sablan
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Francisco A. & Josefa S. Torres

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Carolyn D. Sablan & Eugene C. Borja and children
Jesmyn D. Sablan

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Joanne A. Torres & Francisco DLGuerrero
Elson A. Torres & Virginia C. Torres
Shiela A. Castro & Gilbert (GJ) San Nicolas
Savannah A. Castro
Janean S. Torres
Jamil S. Torres

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated each morning at 6:00am and nightly rosary is being prayed at 7:00pm at San Jose Church, Saipan.

On Thursday, June 03, 2010, her remains will be taken from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please joins us in prayers.

**Franklin A. Torres**
**Jesus Iglesias and Rosalia Duenas Sablan**
**and Family**

# William Shatner: My whole career has been a close call

By GEOFF BOUCHER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**ANAHEIM, Calif.**—William Shatner is headed back to television with a new comedy pilot for CBS, and he's also busy in the world of comics with his assorted projects for Bluewater Productions. The 79-year-old icon is also coming off of the great success of the Hollywood Charity Horse Show, a fundraiser that since 1990 has bridged the world of celebrity and saddle culture to raise money for children in need.

We sat down with Shatner at the recent Anaheim Comic-Con to talk about the Starfleet universe, his unexpected interest in reviving radio drama and his insights into the difficult life decisions of an actor.

**Q:** You've had such an interesting ride through pop culture, going all the way back to the 1960s, but in recent years, with the role of Denny Crane on "Boston Legal" and "The Practice," there was a new level of acclaim from your peers. They awarded you the first Emmy of your career in 2004, and two of those trophies are on the shelf at home. What do you think about now when you reflect on your odyssey as an actor?

**A:** I wish I knew the truths or the verities of acting or performing. I wish I knew, really. Nobody knows. What is not talked about often are the intricacies of the decision of staying in acting over the years when it's a game for the young and the beautiful. When you're young and beautiful and talented, you have a real shot. When you're a little bit older and you're not as beautiful and the next beauty is coming up, more often than not you're starting to see the end of your career. What do you do with the rest of your life? When do you make the decision: Should I try something else, or do I hang on and hope for the best? It's a critical, life-changing decision, and it has to be made clear-eyed and not with an emotional point of view. And that's difficult because you're already emotional.

RON P. JAFFE/CBS BROADCASTING INC./MCT

"$#*! My Dad Says," based on the popular Twitter site by Justin Halpern, stars William Shatner (pictured) as Ed Goodson, a forthright and opinionated dad who relishes expressing his unsolicited and often wildly politically incorrect observations to anyone within earshot. The show will premiere this fall, Thursdays (8:30-9:00 PM ET/PT) on the CBS Television.

**Q:** There will be another "Star Trek" film coming from J.J. Abrams and his team, and I'm wondering what you thought of the first. For me, I loved the spirit of the movie ...

**A:** I agree with you. That's my opinion too. It was a wonderful ride. I think J.J. Abrams did a wonderful job in enlarging the franchise and constructing a foundation for the sequel. I don't know anything about that sequel. I didn't know anything about the first one. I know even less about the second one. I know less than nothing about the sequel, if that's possible.

**Q:** "Less than nothing," I like that. I might make that the title of my autobiography. You always have a range of endeavors under way, both in entertainment and beyond. What are you most excited about right now?

**A:** Well, as you know, I've got a series of comic books, four all together—one is out there already, "Tek War," and another is coming out now, and two more coming within the year. So I've really entered the comic book world but for me the next thing is my plan to make them in radio shows.

**Q:** Oh, that's interesting. The theater of the mind—such a rich tradition.

**A:** Yes, that's it, exactly. And it will have brought "Tek War" from novels to television to movies and to comic books and, hopefully, to radio.

**Q:** You have stage in your background, audio books and animation voice work too. With all that considered, I can see why radio would be alluring.

**A:** Yes, it is. And I've done radio before as well. It's a foreign vehicle now. These days, it's hard to find people who can even write for radio. They've all disappeared. The production of a radio show is a challenge too, you've got to find sound people for all the effects, for instance, and that's almost a lost art. A whole tradition has been lost. We're barely able to recapture some of it, but that is exactly what I'd like to do. It's all very early on. I've got to sell the idea. This piece you're writing might be helpful.

**Q:** You also have a new network television project ...

**A:** Yes, there's a new pilot that I did that's based on the Twitter that this son did about his father. ... We're calling it "$#(ASTERISK)! My Dad Says" and that's a whole new concept in that somebody twitters a statement and it gathers an electronic audience of 2 million people, and as a result a network and a studio make a pilot. It's a whole new world that we're all barely getting into.

**Q:** If you look back on "Star Trek" with the television shows, the animated series, the feature films, the conventions, the novels—you guys were multi-platform in a very interesting way for four decades now.

**A:** Across the platforms, you have a unity, which is acting truth—storytelling. The technological means by which you tell that story change, but if you can follow that, then you can stay abreast of what's happening.

**Q:** You've been coming to these conventions for years, and though so much has changed in your own life, I imagine the conversations and contacts you have in these settings don't change much.

**A:** You're exactly right. They've come here to say hello to me and for me to say hello to them. It's fan communication. It's Twitter in person.

**Q:** Have you had any especially quirky encounters here today? I saw some of the "Star Trek" faithful outside in their costumes. ...

**A:** Well, I just got here, I just walked in. I was at MIP, the convention in France where television shows are bought and sold. And with (the) volcano and everything, it was difficult to get out. I felt like I was on the last flight out of Vietnam. I got out of Charles DeGaulle Airport and two hours later it was closed and the planes were grounded.

**Q:** Well, as James T. Kirk you were no stranger to close calls. You practically invented them.

**A:** Hah! The way I look at it, my whole career has been a close call.

# Muggles take to broomsticks for Quidditch in NYC

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The seeker from the Bronx High School of Science had to jump a fence and follow the snitch down Fifth Avenue. He caught the snitch but it didn't count because his broom wasn't between his legs.

Bronx Science lost 50-30 to Lenox High School in Lenox, Mass., as Central Park played host to an exhibition of Quidditch, the soccer-like game invented by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling.

In the books, Quidditch is played by wizards and witches on flying broomsticks. The real-life version with Muggles—non-magical folk—started in 2005 at Middlebury College in Vermont and is now played at over 150 colleges and 100 high schools.

In Muggle Quidditch, chasers try to throw the quaffle—a volleyball—through a hoop. For defense, beaters hit opposing players with a bludger—a dodgeball. The team's seeker runs after the snitch, a fast runner with a tennis ball in a sock that the seeker has to grab like the flag in flag football. In the fictional game, the snitch is a winged ball.

The players race around after quaffles and snitches while holding their brooms between their legs.

"This version of the game is the best it could possibly work in real life, short of flying brooms," said Alex Benepe, commissioner of the International Quidditch Association.

Benepe, a 23-year-old Middlebury College graduate and the son of New York City Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, said Sunday's exhibition was intended to announce the incorporation of the Quidditch association as a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting Quidditch and literacy education.

High school and college players from around the Northeast competed against each other and then coached youngsters who were invited to pick up brooms and learn the sport.

Several dozen spectators watched as the teams lined up on a dirt field with Benepe doing the play-by-play.

"It's cool seeing the public get involved like this," said Aaron Kalischer-Coggins, 17, Lenox High's team captain.

Kalischer-Coggins said Lenox High Quidditch players practice twice a week and compete in intramural teams.

"It's a childhood dream come true," he said.

Nine-year-old Jivan Galper, from Concord, Mass., said he was in Central Park to watch the game with his family, and he was thrilled to learn that he and his younger brother, Khitan, would get to play themselves. His family was spending the holiday weekend in the city.

"I really like the Harry Potter books," said Jivan, a beater. "It's pretty cool. You never know what you're going to find in New York."

AP

A group of kids ready their broomsticks as they wait to compete in a match during a Quidditch exhibition in New York's Central Park Sunday May 30, 2010.

# Sarah Ferguson tells Winfrey she had been drinking

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Sarah Ferguson says she had been drinking and was "not in my right place" when she was caught on video offering access to her former husband, Prince Andrew, for $724,000.

The Duchess of York made the comments to talk show host Oprah Winfrey in an interview to air Tuesday. The interview was taped Friday in Los Angeles, and excerpts were released Monday by Winfrey's Harpo Productions.

Ferguson tells Winfrey that she'd seen snippets of the video in airports but had not "faced the devil in the face" by watching it in its entirety. But she says she could tell she'd been drinking and was "in the gutter at that moment."

Ferguson has apologized for her lapse of judgment and has said she had financial problems.

# Lawyers oppose Campbell diamond testimony

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands** (AP)—Former Liberian President Charles Taylor's defense lawyers on Monday opposed a request by prosecutors at his war crimes trial to call supermodel Naomi Campbell as a witness, branding the move "a publicity stunt."

Prosecutors earlier this month filed a motion seeking to have Campbell subpoenaed to testify about claims Taylor gave her "blood diamonds" at a reception in South Africa in 1997.

But Taylor's lawyers said the evidence was "tangential to the real issues" against Taylor and said prosecutors were trying to introduce it too late in the trial—15 months after they closed their case.

"For the prosecution to present such inferential evidence at this advanced stage, as part of an obvious publicity stunt, would bring the administration of justice into serious disrepute," Taylor's British lawyer Courtenay Griffiths wrote to judges.

According to the prosecution motion seeking a subpoena, Campbell told prosecutors through her lawyer she does not want to get involved in the case and is concerned for her safety.

Prosecutors want Campbell to testify about Taylor's alleged gift of diamonds along with actress Mia Farrow and another witness, Carole White, who were both at the same reception in South Africa.

AP

In this May 20, 2010 file photo, Naomi Campbell arrives for the amfAR Cinema Against AIDS benefit, during the 63rd Cannes international film festival, in Cap d'Antibes, southern France.

In a written statement to the court, Farrow said Campbell told her that two or three men woke her up and "presented her with a large diamond which they said was from Charles Taylor."

White says she heard Taylor say he was going to give Campbell diamonds and saw them being delivered.

Prosecutors say Campbell's testimony would provide "direct evidence of the accused's possession of rough diamonds from a witness unrelated to the Liberian or Sierra Leone conflicts."

Taylor, once one of West Africa's most powerful men, is charged with 11 counts of murder, torture, rape, sexual slavery and the use of child soldiers and terrorism in his role backing rebels in Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war.

An estimated 500,000 people were the victims of killings, systematic mutilation or other atrocities in that war, with some of the worst crimes committed by child soldiers who were drugged to desensitize them.

It is unclear when judges will rule on the prosecution request.

# 'Bondi Rescue' TV surfer star survives broken neck

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—Kobi Graham, a lifeguard star of the Australian reality television series "Bondi Rescue," said Monday he was lucky to avoid paralysis and death when he broke his neck in a surfing wipeout.

The 30-year-old lifeguard from Bondi Beach in Sydney's east was surfing at Cape Solander in southern Sydney on Sunday when he said he landed head-first on a reef, cracking two vertebrae in his neck.

"All I was thinking was -hoping, praying—that I had movement because I had these really severe shooting pains down my arms," Graham told Network Ten television from a hospital bed as he lay wearing a neck brace.

"As soon as I got to the surface, I was just screaming for help," he added.

Network Ten is the Australian broadcaster of the series that follows the daily work of lifeguards patrolling Sydney's premier beach. The series, which is in its sixth season, is also broadcast in Europe and New Zealand.

His brother Aaron Graham said the injured surfer instructed his rescuers how to stabilize his broken neck.

# New court date for Charlie Sheen over Aspen arrest

**ASPEN, Colorado** (AP)—Actor Charlie Sheen has a new court date over domestic violence allegations involving his wife, as settlement talks continue.

Sheen has pleaded not guilty to menacing, criminal mischief and assault charges stemming from an argument with his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen, on Christmas Day at an Aspen home where they were on vacation.

A hearing is scheduled June 18, but The Aspen Times reports that the court this week set another hearing for June 7.

Sheen's attorney Richard Cummins told the newspaper the hearing was set "in contemplation of a final disposition being made that's acceptable to the district attorney's office."

Aspen prosecutor Arnold Mordkin declined to comment on settlement discussions.

This Jan. 28, 2009 file photo shows Charlie Sheen in Los Angeles.

AP

# Mexico judge OKs producer's arrest in Cancun death

AP

In this May 26, 2010 file photo, Bruce Beresford-Redman, the former "Survivor" producer pauses for a photo at his home in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

**CANCUN, Mexico** (AP)—A judge in Mexico issued an arrest warrant Monday for a former "Survivor" producer suspected in the killing of his wife while on vacation with their children at a Cancun resort, the state attorney general said.

Francisco Alor, the state attorney general in Quintana Roo state, said prosecutors would initiate extradition proceedings soon seeking to return TV producer Bruce Beresford-Redman from the United States.

Prosecutors will seek "international collaboration" in the return of Beresford-Redman once they have officially confirmed his whereabouts, Alor said.

Beresford-Redman has denied any involvement in the death last month of his wife, Monica Beresford-Redman.

Police detained the husband briefly and then released him after confiscating his passport and telling him not to leave Mexico. But Beresford-Redman returned to Southern California and stated in court documents there that he had been living with his two children for more than a week.

His attorney, Richard Hirsch, said in a statement before the warrant was confirmed that issuing an arrest warrant was a rush to judgment.

"We have been advised that Mexican authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of Bruce Beresford-Redman," he said.

# Wife conceals late husband's feet of clay for sake of kids

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY**: My friends and neighbors thought I had the best husband, and our children thought he was the greatest dad. But on the day he died, I found out he had been having sex with another woman.

I went to visit him in the hospital and overheard the whole thing as he was talking to her. Abby, she was a prostitute. I knew money had been disappearing, but I never imagined anything like this.

Should I go on pretending to my adult children, or tell them the truth? They thought he was the best father in the whole world. Even though this happened more than five years ago, I continue to have nightmares over it.

STILL HURTING IN BOSTON

**DEAR HURTING: I see nothing positive to be gained by shattering your children's image of their father at this point. I'm sorry he failed you as a husband. However, for you to spend more of your life nursing hurt and disappointment is a waste of your precious time. Talk to your religious adviser or confide in a therapist. But do not bring this up with your children.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I am a 76-year-old father of three sons and grandfather of five. The other night, I was dining out with my brother, one of my sons, his 31-year-old wife, and their two children, ages 5 and 2.

The server was standing next to me and the 5-year-old, poised to take our orders. My daughter-in-law was distracted by the 2-year-old, so I placed my order so the server would not be kept standing there.

My son chastised me for not waiting until his wife placed her order first. Embarrassed, I offered an apology. Was I wrong not to wait for my daughter-in-law to place her order? What would have been the proper thing to do?

EMBARRASSED IN GARFIELD, N.J.

**DEAR EMBARRASSED: Frankly, the "proper thing to do" in this case would have been for your son to save his criticism until he could talk to you privately, rather than embarrassing you in a public place. Ordinarily, the rule of thumb "ladies first" would apply when giving the dinner order. However, because your daughter-in-law was distracted, speaking up and telling the server what you wanted makes sense to me.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: The company where I work posted an ad online and at our state unemployment job board for a position that needed to be filled. The ad detailed simple but specific instructions that included asking applicants to write a cover letter to address certain questions. It also said—in large letters: "YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS OR YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT."

Of the 133 resumes we received, 76 did not contain the information that was requested. These applications were moved to an "Incomplete" file and not considered for hire. What's sad is that judging by their resumes alone, several of these applicants had the qualifications we were looking for.

With unemployment being what it is, I was surprised that the majority of the applicants did not comply with the simple instructions. Please advise your unemployed readers that a job is out there for them, but they must follow instructions.

TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, TUMWATER, WASH.

**DEAR TRYING TO BE HELPFUL: Consider it done. Now I'll offer another suggestion: Always proofread what you have written to ensure there are no spelling or transposition errors.**

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By Bill Waterson

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A LOT OF PAINTINGS SELL FOR TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS NOW, SO I MAKE A PRETTY GOOD HOURLY RATE.
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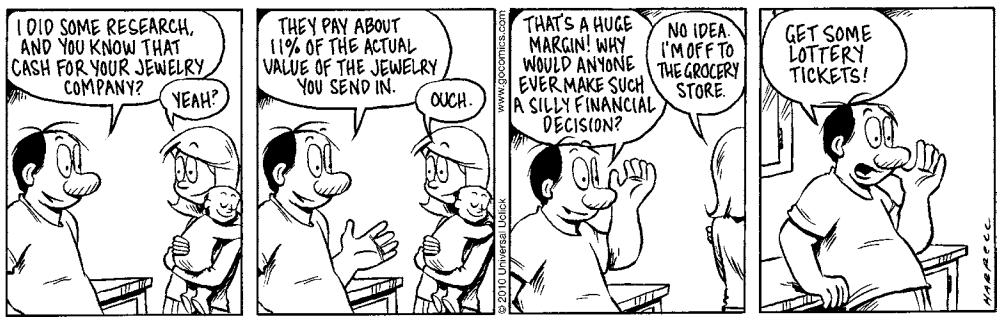
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THAT'S A HUGE MARGIN! WHY WOULD ANYONE EVER MAKE SUCH A SILLY FINANCIAL DECISION?
NO IDEA. I'M OFF TO THE GROCERY STORE.
GET SOME LOTTERY TICKETS!

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 That girl
4 Frequently, in verse
7 Scruff
8 Speak off the cuff
10 Varnish ingredient
11 Oklahoman
13 Focus
16 Pismire
17 Hula hoop site
18 Obtained
19 Singer Vikki
20 "Little Women" woman
21 "The — Show With Jon Stewart"
23 Ecstasy
25 Connect the —
26 Bank transaction
27 John's Yoko
28 TV airings
30 Spanish Mrs.
33 Aries or Orion
36 Undo a law
37 Avarice
38 Big name in retail
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40 Bug spray abbr.
41 Nay antithesis

**DOWN**
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3 Subscription extension
4 Smells
5 Be buoyant
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7 Bygone Dodge compact
8 Moving about
9 Pale yellow shades
10 Nipper's co.
12 Alex Haley book
14 Not, quaintly
15 To the — degree
19 Grafton's "— for Corpse"
20 Crib
21 Organ transplant VIP
22 Expiates
23 Fruit container
24 Garfield's favorite food
25 Medic
26 Lounges
28 Place
29 Tin Woodman's desire
30 Prolonged attack
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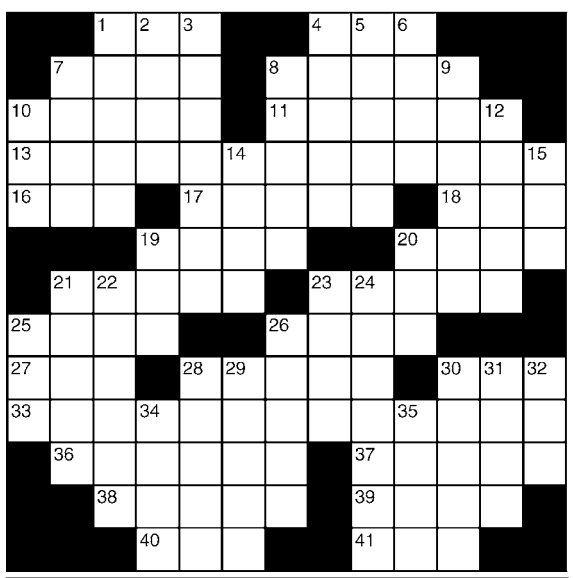

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**Happy Birthday**: Put your heart and soul into your work and getting ahead this year and you will succeed. Don't let emotional matters cloud your vision or stand in the way of your progress. Use your charm and past experience to get what you want. Confidence, coupled with know-how, will lead to victory. Your numbers are 11, 14, 18, 28, 30, 42, 45

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Complete what you've promised to finish. You will gain respect and be given more responsibilities. A personal matter may throw you off-course momentarily but you will be able to overcome such occurrences. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): You decide whether or not you want to donate your time or money. Doing something because you feel guilty or are bullied into it will end in regret. A romantic encounter is highlighted. ✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Discuss your plans in a colorful and expressive way and you will get an offer for help. Be sure to do your homework because questions will be asked if you have left any detail undone. ✪✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): You will be tempted to make purchases you don't need or be enticed by a fast-talking sales person. Spend time volunteering for a cause you believe in or that will help someone who needs your strength, courage and moral support. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Be honest about who you are, what you can offer and what you want in return. You will get ahead if you work hard and do your best. Added responsibilities and greater rewards will be handed to you. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Know what you are up against before you agree to take on a job that is likely to require too much of your time. You have other responsibilities to think about, so unless you will be handsomely rewarded, it's best to take a pass. Fulfill domestic obligations first. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You can pick up knowledge and expertise if you sign up for a course or seminar being offered. Preparation will be the key to your success. An emotional encounter may be costly but the lesson you learn will prepare you for future involvements. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Someone you are close to is likely to keep an emotional matter a secret, leaving you in a compromising position. If something doesn't make sense, take a pass. A love relationship will be enhanced if you share your thoughts, feelings and intentions. ✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be enticed by the unusual and gravitate toward adventure and new destinations. You will enjoy interacting with people from different backgrounds, sharing your thoughts and opinions. You will be motivated to try something new. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't let your emotions rule your credit cards. Just because someone you love wants something doesn't mean you should run out and buy it. Love is highlighted but all you need to do is to spend time with the person you care for. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put your time, money and effort into your home. You need a change that will help you discover your true potential. Take a correspondence course or research information about a new skill—all will be conducive to improving your life. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You will have a hidden agenda or you will be dealing with someone with ulterior motives. Whichever the case, be careful not to jump into something under false pretenses. Love is on the rise but don't lower your standards or get involved in things you don't agree with. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are witty, bright and somewhat stubborn. You are lucky in love and you know how to handle people and get things done.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**THE LOCH NESS MONSTER** **Solution: 6 letters**

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# Henin loses to Stosur, who gets Serena next

**PARIS** (AP)—Justine Henin kept saying it, even if no one was listening.

She's not back to being the player she was before taking a 20-month hiatus from tennis. She's still searching for consistency on court. Too many "ups and downs," to use her term.

Turns out Henin was right. Betrayed down the stretch by her best stroke, the backhand, and by her usually steely nerves, the four-time French Open champion lost to No. 7-seeded Sam Stosur of Australia 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the fourth round Monday, ending Henin's 24-match winning streak at her favorite tournament.

"Everyone wants to see me (at) the level that I was," said Henin, who abruptly retired in May 2008 while ranked No. 1, then returned to the tour this season and reached the Australian Open final in January. "I still have to work a lot, quite simply."

Thanks to her 2005-07 titles at Roland Garros, and then the time away, it's been six years since Henin felt the sting of a loss at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament—all the way back in 2004's second round.

"Obviously, beating Justine is going to give me lots and lots of confidence for the next match," said Stosur, a French Open semifinalist in 2009 and a tour-best 18-2 on clay this year. "That's obviously a great achievement for me, but it's not over yet. I'm just in the quarters and going to play the No. 1 player in the world next."

That would be Serena Williams, who stumbled at the start before cruising to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over No. 18 Shahar Peer of Israel. Williams dropped the first seven points of the match, then immediately took nine a row and was on her way.

"I seem to always be able to turn it up during this particular stage," said Williams, who won two of the past three Grand Slam tournaments and owns 12 major titles.

The other quarterfinal in that half of the draw will be No. 4 Jelena Jankovic of Serbia against 36th-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan. Jankovic beat No. 23 Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-2, while Shvedova eliminated 107th-ranked Jarmila Groth of Australia 6-4, 6-3.

In men's fourth-round matches, four-time champion Rafael Nadal improved to 200-16 on clay over his career by overcoming four breaks of serve to defeat No. 24 Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. A year ago, Nadal lost in the fourth round—he was 31-0 at Roland Garros before that stunning exit against Robin Soderling—but he insisted that didn't make him any more careful this time.

Now Nadal will meet No. 19 Nicolas Almagro, who knocked off No. 7 Fernando Verdasco 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. Also Monday, No. 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia eliminated the last U.S. man in the tournament, 98th-ranked Robby Ginepri of Kennesaw, Ga., 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, and No. 22 Jurgen Melzer of Austria beat 114th-ranked qualifier Teimuraz Gabashvili of Russia 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

At 29, Melzer is the oldest man left in the field. He's also reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal in 32 appearances.

AP

Australia's Samantha Stosur returns the ball to Belgium's Justine Henin during their fourth round match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 31, 2010.

"Well, to be the oldest player is not a special feeling," Melzer said. "Reaching the quarterfinals for the first time—that's a special feeling."

Williams might have forgotten what it feels like to reach the semifinals in Paris: She hasn't been that far at the French Open since 2003, a year after she won her only championship at the tournament.

"I feel prepared every year, and I always dive out in the quarters," Williams said. "I'm just trying to get past that this year, hopefully."

She owns a 3-1 record against Stosur, including a victory at January's Australian Open. Stosur's win came on a hard court at Stanford, Calif., last year, and Williams was hardly complimentary afterward, saying: "She had a lot of lucky shots; she's a good framer."

Williams had nicer things to say Monday, calling Stosur "someone you can't overlook," and adding: "She's no pushover, that's for sure."

Told of those remarks, and reminded about what Williams declared in 2009, Stosur smiled.

"I guess a lot of people have changed their idea about what kind of tennis player I am recently," Stosur said. "I guess that's a good thing."

For years, she was known primarily as a doubles specialist, winning two Grand Slam titles apiece in mixed and women's. She began to fare better in singles in 2006, but then was off tour because of illness for about six months in 2007-08.

So she, like the 22nd-seeded Henin, knows what it's like to try to return to form after a layoff.

"I guess having that illness and being away from the game maybe scared me a little to think, 'OK, I've got to go out there and play and really try and achieve what I've wanted to," the 26-year-old Stosur said.

On Monday, she was outplayed in the first set, then steadied herself, driving deep shots through the chilly, windy conditions and compiling a 20-8 edge in winners over the last two sets.

Midway through the second, Henin fell, then chucked her racket.

"To see that probably did give me that little bit of extra lift," Stosur said, "and (made me) realize I had her rattled."

Still, Henin looked to be in good shape when she went ahead 4-3 in the final set. The Belgian wouldn't win another game—and even harder to believe, she was mainly responsible for her undoing.

"My nerves were simply not strong enough today," said Henin, playing for a fifth consecutive day because of disruptive weather.

At 4-all, Henin's pair of missed backhands and a double-fault led to a break. On the first point of the following game, with Stosur way out of position, Henin put a backhand into the net. Then she missed two more backhands to set up match point. Seconds later, Henin was walking to the net, extending her right arm to shake hands and offer congratulations to her opponent.

It had been awhile since she had to do that at the French Open.

"Disappointing. I mean, (it's) never easy to lose, and especially in this kind of situation," Henin said. "I just wanted so much that the adventure could keep going."

# Pierce excited to return to NBA finals, hometown

**WALTHAM, Mass.** (AP)—Paul Pierce is excited to return to the NBA finals and his hometown for the next round in the league's greatest rivalry.

Boston's best player isn't exactly thrilled that Los Angeles' welcoming committee includes Ron Artest, a physical, tenacious defender.

"He likes to bang you," Pierce said Monday, "grab you, hold you, pull your shorts down. He's going to try anything."

The NBA's past two champions will go for another title beginning Thursday night when the Celtics face the Lakers in front of an array of Hollywood stars and, very likely, a large number of Pierce's friends and family who will root against their local team.

Boston's captain cherishes that support, though it comes with a price.

"It's always special just to be a part of the finals," he said a few hours before the Celtics boarded a plane for their cross-country trip. "To do it in a place where I grew up, it makes it even more special. The only negative thing about it is tickets for me. I mean, it's going to be pretty expensive."

That was a small inconvenience two years ago when Pierce won his first NBA title in 10 seasons as the Celtics beat the Lakers in six games. Boston clinched it with a 131-92 win at home for its ninth championship in 11 finals matchups with the Lakers.

But Artest didn't join the Lakers until last July.

Pierce averaged 18.3 points per game in the regular season, and 19.1 over the first three rounds in the postseason. He averaged 24.3 in the Eastern Conference finals against the Orlando Magic, collecting 31 points and 13 rebounds in the clincher.

But he scored just 13 points per game as Boston and Los Angeles split their two-game season series.

"I matched up with him the last 10, 11 years. He's one of the best defenders I've ever played against," Pierce said of Artest. "He'll try anything just to try to get into his opponent's head. But I think just from playing against him over the years I've become used to the things that he tries to do and I just try to go out there and play my game, not really get into the antics with him."

Artest relieves Kobe Bryant of the burden of defending the opponent's best scorer, allowing the Lakers star to focus more on his own offense.

Artest "makes a difference," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "He's been perfect because it's allowed Kobe not to have to guard the best player every night. ... You can see it in Kobe's (offensive numbers). He's as fresh as I've ever seen him in the playoffs, and I think it's due to Ron Artest."

Bryant scored 37 points in Saturday night's 111-103 win over the Phoenix Suns that put the Lakers in the finals, his 10th 30-point playoff game in his last 11.

Artest also can be an offensive threat. He hit the winning layup at the buzzer in Game 5 then scored 25 points to help the Lakers clinch the Western Conference finals in Game 6 in Phoenix.

Artest and his teammates will play before a friendly crowd Thursday that will include a small pocket of Pierce partisans.

"My friends," Pierce said, "really grew up (as) L.A. fans and, all of a sudden, are Celtic fans because of me. So it's a little weird for them and family."

Have they made any comments about that?

"I don't really get anything from friends and family," he said. "They'll be sure to keep their mouths closed because they want tickets."

The crowd for Game 1 of the best-of-seven series will see the newest installment of a rivalry that goes back more than 50 years—to the 1959 finals when Boston swept the Minneapolis Lakers in four games. The franchises clashed in six finals in the '60s. Then came the '80s and three Larry Bird-Magic Johnson championship rounds, two of them won by the Lakers.

It took more than 20 years for the teams to match up again in 2008 when the Celtics captured their NBA-high 17th title.

Another championship would mean "everything," Pierce said. "Hopefully, it can move me up the ranks as one of the top Celtics players of all time and maybe in NBA history."

The Celtics, without injured Kevin Garnett, were eliminated in the Eastern semifinals last year and the Lakers beat Orlando in the finals. Soon after, Pierce said he was on the West Coast walking his dog in his neighborhood when he saw Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson in a convertible at a stop sign.

"I just said congratulations to him," Pierce said. "I think he probably mentioned something (like) `See you in the finals next year.'"

Now that series is just a few days away.

"I think both teams are happy they're playing the team they're playing," Rivers said. "I think it's exactly the way we envisioned it during training camp and it's probably the same way they envisioned it."

# Atlanta surges past Phils into first in NL

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Chipper Jones and Troy Glaus homered to back a strong start by Tommy Hanson and help the Braves move into first place in the National League East with a 9-3 victory Monday over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies.

The Braves, winners of six straight, are one-half game ahead of Philadelphia, which has dropped two straight and nine of 13.

Improving to 16-4 since May 10, the Braves have made up 7Ω games in the NL East since May 17, when they were in last place. Atlanta hasn't held first place in the division this late in a season since 2005.

Philadelphia, which was shut out in five of its previous eight games, had just three hits off Hanson (5-3) before the right-hander left with two outs in the seventh.

Joe Blanton (1-4) lost his second straight start.

AP

Atlanta Braves pinch hitter Chipper Jones puts the Braves ahead with an RBI single as Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Jason Jaramillo looks on in the eighth inning of a baseball game in Atlanta Sunday, May 30, 2010.

### Rockies 4, Giants 0

At San Francisco, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched a four-hitter to become the majors' first 10-game winner this year, outpitching Tim Lincecum to lead Colorado past the Giants.

Clint Barmes hit a two-run single in the second inning that held up for Jimenez (10-1), who struck out nine, lowered his big league-best ERA to 0.78 and extended his career-best scoreless innings streak to 26.

Lincecum (5-2), making his 100th start and matched up with Jimenez for the fourth time, walked five for the fourth straight start and the Giants had their four-game winning streak snapped.

### Padres 18, Mets 6

At San Diego, Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a grand slam in the second inning and Chase Headley had a homer among his four hits as San Diego set the scoring record for Petco Park in a victory over the New York Mets.

The previous scoring mark was set by the Padres in a 17-2 win over Atlanta in their home opener on April 12. Petco Park opened in 2004. Headley scored four runs while Chris Denorfia and Adrian Gonzalez scored three apiece.

San Diego roughed up left-hander Hisanori Takahashi (4-2) and the Mets' bullpen for 19 hits, matching the season-high set on April 12.

### Marlins 13, Brewers 5

At Miami, Cody Ross hit a three-run homer to spark Florida's biggest inning this year, Cameron Maybin hit an inside-the-park home run to help turn the game into a runaway as the Marlins erased an early four-run deficit in beating Milwaukee.

Chris Coghlan singled and then hit a two-run triple in what became a seven-run sixth for the Marlins, who scored four more in the seventh—the last two coming on Maybin's line drive to center that he beat without even sliding at the plate, crossing with both arms raised.

### Pirates 2, Cubs 1

At Pittsburgh, pinch-hitter Bobby Crosby singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Garrett Jones homered as the Pittsburgh Pirates ended a five-game losing streak.

The Pirates were coming off a 1-6 road trip and had lost nine of 11, only to beat the Cubs for the eighth time in nine meetings.

Jones' ninth homer of the season tied it at 1 in the sixth, and he doubled leading off the eighth against reliever Sean Marshall (5-2). After Lastings Milledge grounded out and Ryan Doumit was intentionally walked, Crosby lined a 3-2 pitch by Marshall into center field to score Jones.

### Nationals 14, Astros 4

At Houston, Carlos Maldonado and Ryan Zimmerman hit three-run homers off Chris Sampson, long after Roy Oswalt was ejected, as Washington put together the highest scoring inning in Nationals' history.

Zimmerman and Adam Dunn drove in four runs apiece and both chipped in during a nine-run seventh, the team's biggest inning since relocating from Montreal before the 2005 season.

Rookie Luis Atilano (5-1) allowed three earned runs on six hits in 6 2-3 innings, his longest outing of the season.

### Cardinals 12, Reds 4

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols continued his torrid hitting and rookie Jaime Garcia overcame a shaky start for St. Louis, which moved into a share of first-place in the NL Central with Cincinnati.

Pujols extended his streak of reaching base to nine straight plate appearances with two intentional walks and a single his first three times up. He hit into a double play in the fifth inning. Pujols added an RBI single in a five-run sixth, one day after hitting three homers at Chicago.

Jonny Gomes' two-run single in the first ended a run of 19 scoreless innings at home to start the season by Garcia (5-2), who allowed seven hits and two earned runs over six innings.

### Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 4

At Los Angeles, A balk by Esmerling Vasquez in the bottom of the ninth allowed Los Angeles' Casey Blake to score the winning run over Arizona.

The inning began with a walk to James Loney and a broken-bat single by Blake. Loney made a break for third base with Augie Ojeda charging in for a possible bunt, but was tagged out in a rundown after Ojeda retreated back toward the base. Blake went to third on a ground out.

With Blake DeWitt batting, second base umpire Tim Tschida signaled balk after some frantic gyrations by Blake and Dodgers third base coach Larry Bowa. Blake removed his helmet and jogged home.

### Yankees 11, Indians 2

At New York, Alex Rodriguez hit his second grand slam of the season and Andy Pettitte was nearly unhittable, helping the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians.

Pettitte pitched seven innings, allowing three singles and Jhonny Peralta's 100th career homer, while striking out five without a walk. He retired his last 14 batters.

Both of Rodriguez' slams this season came after Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked ahead of him, and A-Rod is 5 for 5 overall when teams intentionally pitch around Teixeira. Rodriguez's seventh homer of the season leaves him 10 shy of 600 for his career.

The Indians trailed 2-1 in the seventh before shaky relief pitching did them in again.

### Angels 7, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Ervin Santana pitched seven strong innings as the visiting Angels roughed up Luke Hochevar early on the way to a win over the Royals.

Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer, Juan Rivera and Maicer Izturis each had solo shots off Hochevar (5-3), and Howie Kendrick had two RBIs to help Los Angeles kick off a season-long 14-game road trip with its fifth win in six games.

That was more than enough for Santana (5-3).

The right-hander scattered seven hits, allowing a run-scoring double by Jason Kendall in the fifth inning and little else to win his fourth straight start. He struck out six and has allowed six earned runs the past 29 innings after a shaky start to the season.

### Athletics 4, Tigers 1

At Detroit, Rajai Davis scored twice and Trevor Cahill continued to pitch well as the Athletics beat the Tigers.

The win was Oakland's third of the four-game series and fifth out of seven during their ongoing 10-game trip. Detroit has lost five of six.

The start of the game was delayed by 2 hours and 42 minutes due to threatening weather, although no rain fell until more than an hour after the scheduled start. It started to rain again with Detroit batting in the bottom of the eighth, leaving the stadium almost empty by the end of the game.

Cahill (4-2) won his third straight start, allowing one run on five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Andrew Bailey got the final four outs for his 11th save.

### Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

At Toronto, Brandon Morrow pitched seven strong innings, and Toronto threw out the potential leveling run at the plate in the ninth inning.

Evan Longoria tripled off Kevin Gregg with one out in the ninth, but he was thrown out trying to score on John Jaso's grounder to shortstop for the second out. Gabe Kapler ended it by grounding into a fielder's choice, giving Gregg his 14th save in 16 chances.

Adam Lind hit a two-run home run for Toronto.

Morrow (4-4) gave up one run and three hits, walked two and struck out one.

Matt Garza (5-4), winless in five starts, allowed three runs and a season-high 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

### Twins 5, Mariners 4

At Seattle, Michael Cuddyer and Jason Kubel homered on consecutive pitches, and Delmon Young hit a two-run shot as Minnesota beat Seattle to equal its season-high with a fifth consecutive victory.

Jon Rauch allowed a leadoff double by Jose Lopez and RBI single by Josh Wilson to begin the ninth. Pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr. grounded into a fielder's choice. Pinch-hitter Casey Kotchman hit into a double play and Rauch had his 13th save in 15 chances, and third in four days.

Francisco Liriano (4-3) allowed eight hits and three runs in six innings. He struck out seven to end his three-game losing streak.

# US World Cup team arrives in South Africa

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—The U.S. World Cup team arrived in Johannesburg on Monday following a 17-hour flight and was greeted by the same visible security presence that was on hand for the arrival for other countries.

Armed special task-force members, dressed in dark blue uniforms, surrounded the South African Airways plane at the O.R. Tambo airport as the players emerged on a cool, overcast afternoon.

After leading his team off the plane, coach Bob Bradley immediately picked out the opening game against England on June 12 as a chance to make an impression on the tournament.

"There has been a lot of attention on our first game with England," Bradley said. "It's a great opportunity for us.

"But we certainly know that Slovenia and Algeria are excellent teams. It will be a tough group and we are looking forward to it.

Plainclothes security officials, wearing earpieces and sunglasses, also patrolled the arrivals facility—set aside for World Cup teams—where the Americans cleared immigration.

The U.S. should be familiar with its surroundings after it made an impressive showing in the Confederations Cup in South Africa last year. Bradley's team reached the final and played in Rustenburg, Pretoria and Johannesburg at the same venues it visits in the group stages.

"We're very fortunate that we have had experience here," Bradley said on the airport tarmac. "The people here in South Africa have always treated us so well so in that regard, it's a comfortable feeling to be back for the World Cup.

"We are very excited... The travel went really well and the team is looking to get started with our work here."

Dressed in blue-and-red team tracksuits, the U.S. players then boarded a bus for the 25-minute drive up to their base at the Irene Country Lodge, a luxurious, rural-style hotel in a village between Johannesburg and the capital city Pretoria.

The lodge is billed as "a haven of peace and tranquility in the hub of South Africa's economic heartland."

The group was greeted by dancing and singing staff members on its arrival at the hotel. Police then led sniffer dogs through the rooms in a final security sweep before the players were allowed in.

A colorful vuvuzela - the plastic trumpet which is set to be a constant feature at the World Cup - was left in each player's room as a welcome gift.

The hotel is where the U.S. will begin to get used to the cool, early winter conditions ahead of a final warmup match against Australia on Saturday.

"I think the weather here is great for football," Bradley said. "It's going to mean that the games are played at a good tempo. We have enough time between now and June 12 to acclimatize so I think, on that end, it's going to be a great World Cup."

# Arum wants Pacquiao oath-taking aired globally

BOXING

**MANILA, Philippines**—It's time to bring out the Manny Pacquiao saga to the world.

Elated by his prized ward's victory in the recent national elections, promoter Bob Arum is keen on doing a global telecast of Pacquiao's oath-taking as representative of Sarangani's lone congressional district on June 30 in Manila.

Pacquiao confirmed Arum's intention in a television interview Saturday.

The 78-year-old Arum, who was in Sarangani at the height of the campaign period up to election day and counting of votes, first expressed his plan to Fightnews.com.

According to reports, Arum wants to introduce Pacquiao as Rep. Manny Pacquiao to emphasize that he's the lone active boxer to have been elected to the lower house.

As a treat to boxing's lone seven-time, seven-division champion, Arum will shoulder all expenses when Pacquiao and his family take a vacation in an undisclosed place in Mexico, where they will be brought in by private jet.

Pacquiao will be leaving on Monday with wife Jingkee and children Jimuel, Michael, Princess and Queen Elizabeth for Los Angeles.

Pacquiao

The Pacquiaos will proceed to New York City where Manny will be honored by the Boxing Writers Association of America as its Fighter of the Year as well as Fighter of the Decade during its awards night on June 4.

In the same interview Pacquiao reiterated that Arum will handle all the negotiations for a projected megabuck showdown against unbeaten American Floyd Mayweather Jr. in November. ***(PDI)***

## FIELDERS

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Ol'Aces, but after Camacho scored, his team managed to load the bases, but failed to bring in any more runs.

Then after the Fielders went 1-2-3 to start the second, the Ol'Aces came back and tied the game.

The 2010 batting champ, Lemarc Iguel, singled in John Santi who led off the inning reaching off an error. Later with the bases loaded, Keoni Lizama smashed a two-RBI double to knot up the score at 4-4.

But in the top of the third, the Fielders took a two-run lead. Carl Camacho hit a one-out single and scored off an error before Ricardo Villagomez scored off an error after reaching off a fielder's choice.

Neither team made it to the plate in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings and the score remained 6-4, Fielders, until the top of the seventh when the Fielders added an insurance run.

Carl Camacho singled in Kevin Villagomez who led off the inning and reached off an error, and in the bottom half, the Ol'Aces got stuffed for the fifth inning in a row.

Collectively the Fielders as a whole played solid defense all day, but winning pitcher Nathan Guerrero delivered a tremendous performance in his own right. Guerrero entered the game with two outs in the second inning and gave his team five and 1/3 shut out innings. He had four strikeouts, two hits, with no walks. Other notables include Carl Camacho who batted 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs and Kevin Villagomez who batted 1-for-3 with an RBI and two runs.

### Lions 5, Hunters 4

In Monday's second semifinal game, the Lions came out on top after playing behind for virtually the whole game to knock out the Hunters and advance to Saturday's championship.

After a scoreless first inning, Leroy Regis reached and scored off errors to give the Hunters a one-run lead.

The Hunters held off the Lions in the bottom half and added another run in the third when Ton DL Guerrero reached off a fielder's choice and scored off an error.

The Lions got a run back in the bottom half from a sacrifice fly by Greg Iskawa that scored Steven Aguon who reached with a one-out single.

After a scoreless fourth, the Hunters added another run from an RBI single by Leroy Regis that scored Ton Deleon Guerreo, who led off the inning with a double.

The Hunters then loaded the bases, but the Lions held them off.

In the bottom half, Roman Camacho scored off an error after drawing a lead off walk that made the score 3-2, Hunters after five.

In the sixth, the Alec Lopez led off and scored of errors to put the Hunters up by two.

Then in the bottom half, the Lions managed runners on the corners and a balk by Hunter's pitcher Patrick Aguon gave the Lions a run back.

In the top of the seventh, the Hunters left runners stranded at second and third and the Lions came into the last inning trailing by one.

Ricardo Dela Cruz and Iskawa reached base with a single and a fielder's choice. Then a walk later, Richard Dela Cruz busted a walk-off two-RBI double for the win.

Despite the outcome, losing pitcher Patrick Aguon pitched a great game. He went six and 1/3 innings with two earned runs, six strikeouts, six hits, and three walks.

Other notables include Greg Iskawa who batted 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run, Richard Dela Cruz batted only 1-for-4, but his two RBIs in the last inning was huge, and Steven Aguon batted 1-for-1 with a run.

## KAITO

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(1:28.30), 50m butterfly (48.67 seconds), 200m individual medley (3:36.07), and 50m breaststroke (52.98 seconds) and second in the 50m freestyle (40.22 second). He lost in the 50m freestyle to Ryuto Yanai, who timed in at 39.41 seconds.

Ryuto's older brother, Kaito, earned 54 points from the six events the latter entered in. Kaito was ahead by 10 points against runner-up Kai Aricayos (44 pts.) of Tsunami Guam and 13 points up over teammate and younger brother Hiroto Yanai (41 pts.). Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru also scored 41 points to tie Hiroto for third, while Tsunami Saipan's Ryosei (36 pts.) and Kosei Toda (31 pts) were fifth and sixth, respectively, and were followed by Tarakito's Clayton Mitchell (20 pts.) and Jonathan Yune (9 pts.), and Manhoben's Daraven Perez (4 pts.).

Kaito topped the 200m freestyle (2:29.37), 100m breaststroke (1:28.32), 50m butterfly (34.68 seconds), 200m IM (2:45.04), 50m breaststroke (41.74 seconds), and 50m freestyle (32.02 seconds). He was also part of the Tsunami Saipan team than won the 200m medley relay (2:42.37) and 200m freestyle relay (2:26.55).

Tsunami Saipan had second finishes in four other age groups.

Angel Marie Tan was runner-up in the girls' 11 to 12 division after collecting 45 points, only six markers behind eventual champion Michelle Ysrael of Tsunami Guam. Sanda Gugin and Aisha Tangi, also of Tsunami Guam, were third and fourth, respectively, while SSC's Victoria Chentsova completed the Top 5. Tsunami Saipan's Angel De Jesus was sixth, followed by Tarakito's Gabby Camacho and Tsunami Saipna's Annabelle Alba.

In the boys' 13 to 14 age group, Kensuke Kimura tallied 47 points to place second behind Tarakito's Benjamin Schulte (54 pts.).

In the open division, Rezne Wong and Kai Staal earned 43 points each to tie for second place. Tsunami Saipan's Tasi Limtiaco took the championship with his 50 points.

Points were awarded to swimmers based on how they finished in each event. The top finisher was given nine points, seven to second, six to third, five to fourth, four to fifth, three to sixth, two to seventh, and one to eighth.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura lauded the performances of the 17 swimmers they sent to Guam despite the unfavorable weather condition during the competition.

"The afternoon session started at 1pm, the hottest time and our swimmers are not used to this extremely hot condition. The break was also short, but still our swimmers did a great job," Kimura said.

## DFS

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gan edged Kennedy Izuka and Tommy Choi n three sets, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

The pair of Daniel Park and Jake Lee claimed the boys U16 doubles after a 2-0 record in the round-robin event. Clay McCullough-Stearns and Angelo Jones were runners-up. In the girls U16, Mikayla Lopez and Theecel Minor won over two other teams. Amy Arenovski and teammate Ilia Corella settled for second place.

In the adults doubles, Flor Jones and Merle Hudkins took the women's 2.0/3.0 crown against Fish Wang and Lin Liang; Matthew Lopez and Lee won the men's 3.0 against Ryan Cho and Rick Presinede; Bobby Cruz and Dong Lagbayo clinched the men's 4.0 versus Eli Buenaventura and Dong Min Lee; Mayuko and Sadako Arriola notched the women's 4.0 over Theecel Minor and Cleofe Santos; and Thea Minor and Ji Hoon Heo sealed the open doubles title against Jeff Race and Mayuko Arriola.

In the adults singles played in the second week of the tournament, Emily Jones defeated mother Flor in the women's 2.0/3.0 division, 6-4. 5-7, 6-3, while in the men's 3.0, Cajigan prevailed over Dela Cruz, 6-2, 6-4.

Thea Minor played in the men's 4.0 singles and won against Jake Lee in the finals, 6-2, 6-0. Minor was also entered in the women's open and swept Mayuko Arriola in the finals, 6-2, 6-2.

In the men's 4.5 finals, Bobby Cruz outclassed junior netter Christian Miller, 6-2, 6-1, while in the men's open finals, Todd Montgomery needed three sets to thwart Jeff Race, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

In the 40-and-above singles, Buenaventura and Lydia Tan emerged victorious in the men's and women's divisions, respectively. Buenaventura won over Paul Jang in the finals, 6-2, 6-7 (10-6), 6-4, while Tan swept Kazumi Imai in the women's title game, 6-1, 6-3.

In the juniors singles events, which were played in Week 1, the top finishers were Alex Choi (mini tennis), Carol Lee and Quintin Ramsey (U12), Mikayla Lopez and Cajigan (U14), and Thea Minor and Miller (U18).

## BALANCE

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In the doubles division, the tandem of eventual May Masters champion Alex Castro and Robert Talavera totaled 1,308 pinfalls to beat Richard Leong and Rusty Musca (1,219), Percy Omechelang and Lito Teodoro (1,175), and Raymond and Russelle Zapanta (1,169).

The pair of Arlene Taitague and Willis of Guam took home the women's doubles title after they scored 1,075 pinfalls. The Guam female keglers won over Vales and Gina Sablan (1,021), Lynn Santos and Gloria Omechelang (983), and Rankin and Catbagan (976). Each member of teams in the doubles event also bowled three games and scores were totaled to find out the top placers.

Raymond Angeles failed to join winning teams in the first two events, but redeemed himself in the singles competition, besting 32 other participants. Angeles carded 676 pinfalls in three games after consistently knocking down more than 200 pinfalls in all three games. Teodoro (657), Musca (648), Raphael Zapanta (629), Omechelang (611), and Guerrero completed the Top 6.

Guam took its second championship trophy when Catbagan ruled the women's singles. She recorded 604 pinfalls in three games, winning over Omechelang (546), Carrie Camacho (542), Yho Villavicencio (535), Diane Camacho (533), and Gina Sablan (521).

Keith Guerrero then gave Guam its third championship trophy when he reigned in the all events after tallying 1,856. Musca finished second with his 1,851, while Teodoro came in third (1,804).

Diane Camacho notched the women's all events title after collecting 1,640 points against Cal's 1,576 and Catbagan's 1,568.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA LEADERS

**Scoring**

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wade, MIA | 5 | 62 | 27 | 166 | 33.2 |
| Anthony, DEN | 6 | 64 | 50 | 184 | 30.7 |
| Bryant, LAL | 16 | 168 | 101 | 471 | 29.4 |
| James, CLE | 11 | 106 | 88 | 320 | 29.1 |
| Rose, CHI | 5 | 57 | 18 | 134 | 26.8 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 6 | 58 | 40 | 160 | 26.7 |
| Durant, OKC | 6 | 43 | 54 | 150 | 25.0 |
| Williams, UTA | 10 | 67 | 89 | 243 | 24.3 |
| Stoudemire, PHX | 16 | 124 | 107 | 355 | 22.2 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 6 | 43 | 32 | 123 | 20.5 |
| Billups, DEN | 6 | 37 | 37 | 122 | 20.3 |
| Gasol, LAL | 16 | 122 | 76 | 320 | 20.0 |
| Richardson, PHX | 16 | 112 | 44 | 316 | 19.8 |
| Boozer, UTA | 10 | 89 | 19 | 197 | 19.7 |
| Butler, DAL | 6 | 43 | 25 | 118 | 19.7 |
| Ginobili, SAN | 10 | 58 | 58 | 194 | 19.4 |
| Pierce, BOS | 17 | 104 | 85 | 325 | 19.1 |
| Aldridge, POR | 6 | 40 | 33 | 114 | 19.0 |
| Duncan, SAN | 10 | 78 | 33 | 190 | 19.0 |
| Nelson, ORL | 14 | 91 | 51 | 266 | 19.0 |

**FG Percentage**

| | FG | FGA | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas, CHA | 15 | 24 | .625 |
| Howard, ORL | 86 | 140 | .614 |
| Millsap, UTA | 70 | 122 | .574 |
| Bynum, LAL | 61 | 107 | .570 |
| Gasol, LAL | 122 | 216 | .565 |
| Wade, MIA | 62 | 110 | .564 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 58 | 106 | .547 |
| Boozer, UTA | 89 | 168 | .530 |
| Noah, CHI | 28 | 53 | .528 |
| Horford, ATL | 67 | 128 | .523 |

**Rebounds**

| | G | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boozer, UTA | 10 | 33 | 99 | 132 | 13.2 |
| Noah, CHI | 5 | 20 | 45 | 65 | 13.0 |
| Howard, ORL | 14 | 38 | 117 | 155 | 11.1 |
| Gasol, LAL | 16 | 57 | 117 | 174 | 10.9 |
| Camby, POR | 6 | 16 | 44 | 60 | 10.0 |
| Duncan, SAN | 10 | 30 | 69 | 99 | 9.9 |
| Odom, LAL | 16 | 50 | 102 | 152 | 9.5 |
| James, CLE | 11 | 15 | 87 | 102 | 9.3 |
| Horford, ATL | 11 | 28 | 71 | 99 | 9.0 |
| Wallace, CHA | 4 | 2 | 34 | 36 | 9.0 |

**Assists**

| | G | AST | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| Williams, UTA | 10 | 102 | 10.2 |
| Nash, PHX | 16 | 161 | 10.1 |
| Rondo, BOS | 17 | 170 | 10.0 |
| James, CLE | 11 | 84 | 7.6 |
| Rose, CHI | 5 | 36 | 7.2 |
| Kidd, DAL | 6 | 42 | 7.0 |
| Wade, MIA | 5 | 34 | 6.8 |
| Billups, DEN | 6 | 38 | 6.3 |
| Bryant, LAL | 16 | 99 | 6.2 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 6 | 36 | 6.0 |

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 34 | 18 | .654 | – |
| New York | 31 | 20 | .608 | 2 1/2 |
| Toronto | 31 | 22 | .585 | 3 1/2 |
| Boston | 29 | 23 | .558 | 5 |
| Baltimore | 15 | 36 | .294 | 18 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 31 | 20 | .608 | – |
| Detroit | 26 | 24 | .520 | 4 1/2 |
| Chicago | 22 | 28 | .440 | 8 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 21 | 31 | .404 | 10 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 18 | 31 | .367 | 12 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 28 | 24 | .538 | – |
| Texas | 26 | 24 | .520 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 26 | 27 | .491 | 2 1/2 |
| Seattle | 19 | 31 | .380 | 8 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 29 | 22 | .569 | – |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 22 | .560 | 1/2 |
| Florida | 26 | 26 | .500 | 3 1/2 |
| New York | 26 | 26 | .500 | 3 1/2 |
| Washington | 26 | 26 | .500 | 3 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 30 | 22 | .577 | – |
| St. Louis | 30 | 22 | .577 | – |
| Chicago | 24 | 28 | .462 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 21 | 30 | .412 | 8 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 21 | 31 | .404 | 9 |
| Houston | 17 | 34 | .333 | 12 1/2 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 31 | 20 | .608 | – |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 22 | .569 | 2 |
| San Francisco | 27 | 23 | .540 | 3 1/2 |
| Colorado | 27 | 24 | .529 | 4 |
| Arizona | 20 | 32 | .385 | 11 1/2 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 3
Florida 13, Milwaukee 5
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Washington 14, Houston 4
Colorado 4, San Francisco 0
St. Louis 12, Cincinnati 4
L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 4
San Diego 18, N.Y. Mets 6
N.Y. Yankees 11, Cleveland 2
Oakland 4, Detroit 1
L.A. Angels 7, Kansas City 1
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 5, Seattle 4

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# 'Don't be a Kitty' dominates GEAR 10

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of Saipan's Don't Be a Kitty, from left, Tyce Mister, Yosh Gabaldon, Mieko Carey, and Russ Quinn won this year's GEAR 10 adventure race in Guam with a time of 21:37:00.

Saipan's United States Adventure Racing Association team, "Don't be a Kitty," competed in the Guam Extreme Adventure Race's 10th anniversary last Sunday and not only took first place, but was the only squad out of 13 teams in the pro division to complete the entire course.

Tyce Mister, Yosh Gabaldon, Mieko Carey, and Russ Quinn made up the winning USARA Gear 10 Team, which finished with a time of 21:37:00.

GEAR 10 follows the basic disciplines of adventure racing in the 24-hour format of mountain biking, kayaking (ocean and river), navigation, trekking, coasteering (staying within 30 feet of the ocean at all times), swimming (with fins), and teamwork.

The course itself is not revealed to racers until an hour prior to the race start, with the starting location provided only 12 hours prior to go time.

Registered four-member pro-division teams race the complete course and two-member social division teams can race an abbreviated course containing at least one section of each discipline.

Race officials monitor the progress of teams through passport control points, checkpoints, and transition areas.

GEAR is a supported race, meaning each team must have a support crew of two or more people and one or more vehicles capable of transporting all four mountain bikes and all other necessary equipment and supplies throughout the entire race.

GEAR is also a 24-hour event, so if a team finishes after 6am on May 31, they will not be officially ranked.

Additionally, GEAR believes in "race without trace" principles, meaning any team or their support crew found littering would immediately be pulled out of the race.

Mandatory equipment for each team includes: A compass, two fully charged cell phones, water treatment methods, emergency strobe light, at least two glow sticks, a first-aid kit, a 20-foot long throw rope for kayak section(s), and a bike tire repair kit for biking section(s).

Competing teams are forbidden to use GPS units, night-vision devices, permanent additions to kayaks, or performance enhancing drugs.

# Bon-Faiyah arranges title duel vs Green Team

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It will be Bon-Faiyah and Green Team in the finals of the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League.

This after Bon-Faiyah claimed the second finals berth in the six-team league, following an 89-59 rout of Team Solid in the loser's bracket semifinals.

Monday night's semis game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium was Bon-Faiyah's second attempt to advance to the championship game. In its first try, Bon-Faiyah was pitted against the undefeated Green Team last Friday and the latter won, 63-52, to make it to the finals.

With the defeat, Bon-Faiyah dropped to the loser's bracket and had to face Team Solid for the second finals ticket. Team Solid earned the right to challenge Bon-Faiyah for the last seat in the finals after a 69-53 victory against Team IDK in a do-or-die game last Friday.

In another must-win game, Connie Camacho delivered for Bon-Faiyah, firing 25 points. She also drew help from three other teammates with Yvonne Bennett chipping in 18 and Nicole Lebria and Dion Diaz adding 15 and 13, respectively.

When Bon-Faiyah lost to Green Team in the loser's bracket semifinals, Camacho had to carry the cudgels for the former, as Lebria was absent and Bennett and Diaz could not get their offensive game going. Bennett had eight quiet points and was scoreless in the first and fourth period, while Diaz notched 12, making most of her points when Green Team had the game in the bag in the final canto.

Against Team Solid, Lebria scored six early points, teaming up with Camacho in lifting Bon-Faiyah to a big 27-10 lead at the end of the third period. Camacho drilled 11 of her 24 points in the opening quarter.

Camacho continued to pile up the points in the second canto, adding nine as Bon-Faiyah kept its double-digit lead at the break, 44-26.

In the second half, Bennett played her best offensive game, nailing eight, while Camacho and Lebria contributed five apiece, as Bon-Faiyah almost doubled Team Solid's output after three quarters, 68-36.

Stacie Mizutani, who was held two points in the first three periods, found her mark in the final canto, scoring six to complete Bon-Faiyah's dominating win.

Team Solid failed to stun the second-seeded Bon-Faiyah, as it struggled offensively in the first and third quarters. Team Solid scored only 10 points in the first period with Amy Sletten making six. She added eight more points in the second period, but still Bon-Faiyah outgunned Team Solid, 17-16.

In the third period, Sletten was held to two field goals and Team Solid was limited to 10 markers. Team Solid outscored Bon-Faiyah for the first time in the payoff period, 23-21,but it was not enough to move the former to the finals.

The Bon-Faiyah-Green Team title match will be played tonight. If Bon-Faiyah wins, there will be a rubber match on Friday. Green Team enjoys a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals due to its unbeaten record in the playoffs.

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Bon-Faiyah's Connie Camacho, right, uses a screen from teammate Dion Diaz, center, to elude Green Team defender Vanessa Mobel during their semifinals game in the women's caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

**Bon-Faiyah 89** – Camacho 25, Bennett 18, Lebria 15, Diaz 13, Benavente 8, Mizutani 8, Mettao 2.

**Team Solid 59** – Sletten 23, Hofschneider 13, Pagarao 12, Javier 7, Gabaldon 2, Michaleun 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-10, 44-26, 68-36, 89-59.

# Masters caging playoffs cast complete

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Eight teams secured playoff seats in the 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League, following the completion of the regular season of the inaugural caging over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In Pool A, making it to the playoff round are IT&E, Ebisuya, Konflikt, and QQ Rent a Car. IT&E finished on top of Pool A with its unbeaten 7-0 record, followed by Ebisuya (6-1), Konflikt (5-2), and QQ Rent a Car (4-3). Eliminated were Below the Rim, CGD Pawnshop, and Moonlight, which had similar 2-5 slates, and Team 4, which was winless in seven games.

Leading the playoff qualifiers in Pool B is top placer Easy Does It (6-1). Joining the Pool B playoff cast are Shakir Realty (5-2), Brabu Bulls (5-2), and Team 10 (4-3). Booted out of competition were Tasi Tours (3-4), 9ers (3-4), Grease Lightning (1-6), and Team 12 (1-6).

The playoffs will start this weekend with the top finisher in Pool A meeting the No. 4 team in Pool B in the first game at 9am; No. 1 in Pool B vs. No. 4 in Pool A at 10:30am; No.1 in Pool A vs. No. 3 in Pool B at 12pm; and No. 2 in Pool B vs. No. 3 in Pool A at 1:30pm. All games in the first round will be played this Saturday.

On Sunday, winners of the four games will advance to the semifinals with victors in Games 1 and 2 dueling for the first finals seat and winners of Games 3 and 4 battling for the second championship berth. The title match will be played on June 12.

Meanwhile, seven games were scheduled in the last week of the regular season of the Masters caging, but only four matches were played and three were forfeited.

Last Saturday, Brabu Bulls defeated Team 10, 102-90, for the former's fourth win in six games.

The second and third games last Saturday were forfeited in favor of CGD Pawnshop and Grease Lighting, but these victories were not enough to move them into the next round.

In the fourth game, IT&E swept its regular season assignment after thumping Konflikt, 83-64.

Last Sunday, Brabu Bulls were set to play its last game against Grease Lightning and the former won by forfeit to clinch the No. 3 seeding in Pool B.

In the first game, Tasi Tours stunned Shakir Realty, 86-78. Despite the win, Tasi Tours fell one victory short of advancing to the playoffs, as it only had a 3-4 mark against last qualifier Team 10's 4-3 slate.

The second match of the day was a no-bearing affair with the seventh placed Moonlight clobbering sixth placer CGD, 96-67.

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Konflikt, seen here posing for a group photo, is among the qualifiers to the MBL playoff round, which will start this weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# Art of War 5 goes down June 19

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Art Of War 5: All Island Grappling/Submission Challenge 2010 will take place on June 19 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Submission fighters, No Gi grapplers, and MMA teams are invited to sign up for the event, which is expected to start at 9am and finish at 5pm.

Interested submission fighters and grapplers can register now at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio on Monday through Friday from 5pm to 8pm or by logging onto www.trenchtech.tv to register online.

The seven weight categories up for grabs include bantamweight (100-130 lbs.), featherweight (131-140 lbs.), super lightweight (141-150 lbs.), lightweight (151-160 lbs.), welterweight (161-180 lbs.), middleweight (181-200 lbs.), and heavyweight (more than 201 lbs.).

There is a $20 registration fee, per competitor, to enter into the double elimination tournament, which is sponsored by Miller-Lite and Docomo Pacific.

In last year's Art of War 4, Trench Tech Purebred's Jeff Cloud won a gold medal after outscoring Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial in the heavyweight division.

But three competitors under Gracie Barra went home with four of the seven gold medals awarded.

Rusty Ada won the welterweight gold by outscoring Guam's Kinney Blas. Pat Alepuyo won the lightweight gold after defeating Guam's Brian Mendiola by tap out. Jess "Pumpy" Manglona, meanwhile, took home two gold medals.

Derik "El Peligro" Rangamar, from Marianas Elite, won the super lightweight gold medal by outscoring teammate Maitai "The Charger" Charley.

For more information about Art Of War 5, call Cuki Alvarez at 670-4662 (4MMA).

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SENIOR LEAGUE

# Fielders, Lions set finals duel

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The Fielders, left, and Lions will face each other in the 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division championship after beating Ol'Aces and Hunters, respectively, last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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After losing to Ol'Aces last Saturday in the final game of the regular season, the Fielders showed up when it really counted and advanced to the Senior League championship after getting back at Ol'Aces, 7-4, last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Fielders will take on the Lions in the 15-16 age group of the 2010 Saipan Little League set for this Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Fielders jumped ahead early against the pennant champion Ol'Aces with four runs in the top of the first.

Kevin Villagomez drove in lead off batter Patrick Tenorio, who reached off an error. Then after a double by Marvin Ngeskebei, Carl Camacho reached off an error that scored Villagomez. Alex Aldan then bunted into a double play, but Ngeskebei still made it to the plate from third, and Camacho scored off an error before the Ol'Aces could escape the first.

In the bottom half, Diego Camacho drew a one-out walk, stole second and scored off an error for

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# Kaito, Lukas win high point awards in Guam

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Lukas Kang and Kaito Yanai brought home high point winner awards from the 2010 Guam Swimming Championships held last Saturday at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

Kang topped the boys' U8 division, while Yanai ruled the boys' 9 to 10 age group.

The seven-year-old Kang gained 52 points from the six events he joined in, beating teammate Ryuto Yanai (46 points), Manhoben Swim Club's Santiago Poppe (46), Tarakito Swim Club's Camden Camacho (16), and Tsunami Guam's Caleb White (11).

Kang finished first in the 50m backstroke (47.13 seconds), 100m freestyle

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Tsunami Saipan and Tsunami Guam swimmers pose for a group photo during a break in the 2010 Guam Swimming Championships last Saturday at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

# DFS tennis tourney winners feted

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The two weekend 2010 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships concluded on Monday with the Top 2 finishers in singles and doubles competitions receiving trophies during the awards ceremony on the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

CNMI coach Jeff Race and Wolf Mojica of tournament sponsor DFS first awarded trophies to champions and runners-up in the junior and adults doubles competition before proceeding to the juniors and adults singles.

The girls U12 doubles championship trophies went to Negahr Rastguiy and Tammy Ackerman, who defeated Adele Hudkins and Gabriel Race in the finals on Monday, 6-3, 6-2. In the boys U12, Carl Dela Cruz and Chris Caji-

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Chris Cajigan returns to Amami Sakano during their men's 3.0 singles semis game in the DFS tennis tournament last Sunday on the Pacific Islands Club hard court. Cajigan won and ruled the event after beating Carl Dela Cruz in the finals last Monday, 6-2, 6-4. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

# Balance competition in CNMI May Masters

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The 28th CNMI May Masters Tournament had balance competition with various teams and individuals topping the four other divisions in the weekend event played at the Saipan Bowling Center.

In the team event, the quartet of Richard Leong, Danny Robles, Percy Omechelang, and Rusty Musca won over eight other teams after collecting 2,322 pinfalls. The Saipan bets prevailed over Guam's J.D. Castro, Keith Guerrero, Jay Leon Guerrero, and Rey Zialcita (2,267) and third placers Bernard Paraiso, Jorge Soledad, Chester Bai, and Efren Cacdac (2, 244).

The women's team event also went to the Saipan team of Gina Sablan, Jerrie Vales, Gigi Zapanta, and Ron Cal, who earned 2,182 points. Another Saipan squad composed of Del and Diane Camacho, Rita Palacios, and Carol McKenzie finished second with 2,052 pinfalls, while Guam's Fely Mandapat, Cherry Catbagan, Maddison Willis, and Leanne Rankin settled for third.

In the team event, each member bowled three games and scores were combined to determine the top finishers.

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